

MARK HACKEL, MACOMB COUNTY EXECUTIVE



October 9, 2020

Good afternoon,

I don't think I have to tell you that the last week has been an incredible whirlwind of big news stories. Beginning with Friday's ruling from the Michigan Supreme Court that ruled on the constitutionality of a 1945 act to the mind blowing plot intercepted by the FBI to kidnap our governor.

First, let me just say that I am grateful to the public safety professionals who thwarted this twisted plan and preserved the safety of the governor and other public officials who are said to have been targeted.

Moving forward, there will still be much confusion as to how the prior executive orders will be addressed. That aside, I want to make it perfectly clear that Macomb County has - and will continue - to follow the best advice of public health officials at the local, state and federal level. We encourage the public to do the same.

In the other news, I am very proud to announce that Macomb County just launched a new, first of its kind, program to help senior citizens who have difficulty going out to get groceries and other necessities. Just launched by our Department of Senior Services, Macomb County is partnering with [Shipt](#) to provide free delivery service for a year to anyone over the age of 60.

Shipt provides same-day delivery from select local stores via a community of reliable shoppers. Members are able to order groceries and other items through the Shipt app or website using a smartphone or computer. And, we have staff standing by to help our seniors navigate the technology if needed. More details in the video below and on our website at macombgov.org.

(Hint-hint! If you know someone under the age of 60 who isn't eligible for our free offering, a one-year membership to Shipt or another delivery service is a great gift option this holiday season!).

As always, please do your part to help prevent the spread of coronavirus. If you are sick, stay home and seek help if your condition warrants. Wear a mask when mingling with others from outside of your household and avoid large gatherings - inside or out. And don't forget to wash those hands!

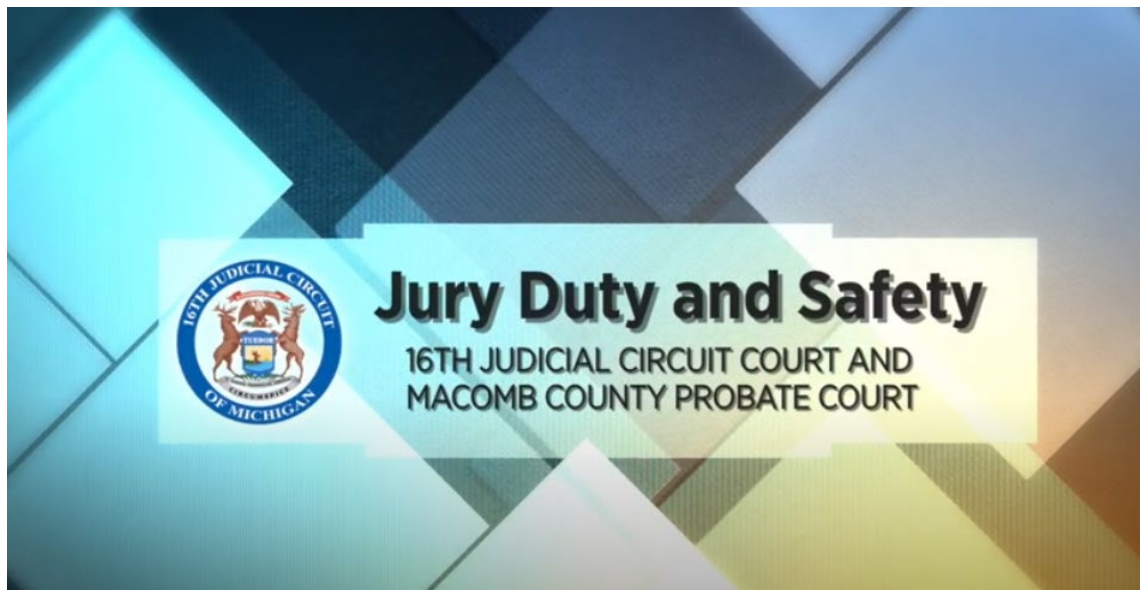
Wishing you wellness,

Mark

Mark A. Hackel
Macomb County Executive

Important Things to Know

- On Monday, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Director Robert Gordon issued an Emergency Order under MCL 333.2253 restricting gathering sizes, requiring face coverings at indoor and outdoor gatherings and placing limitations on bars and other venues. Learn more on the State of Michigan's website [here](#).
- Called for Jury Duty? This [new video](#) showcases the new procedures at the 16th Circuit and Macomb Probate Courts that will keep jurors and employees safe during COVID-19.



- Macomb County Planning & Economic Development recently opened a new grant program aimed at nonprofits and social impact organizations. There's \$1.5 million available for qualified applicants that need assistance recovering from COVID-19. Apply now through October 13 at 12 p.m. and learn more at [MacombBusiness.com](https://www.micountybusiness.com).
- To help ensure the only thing scary about Halloween is the costumes, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has issued guidance on how to safely celebrate the holiday during the COVID-19 pandemic. [Click here](#) to learn more.



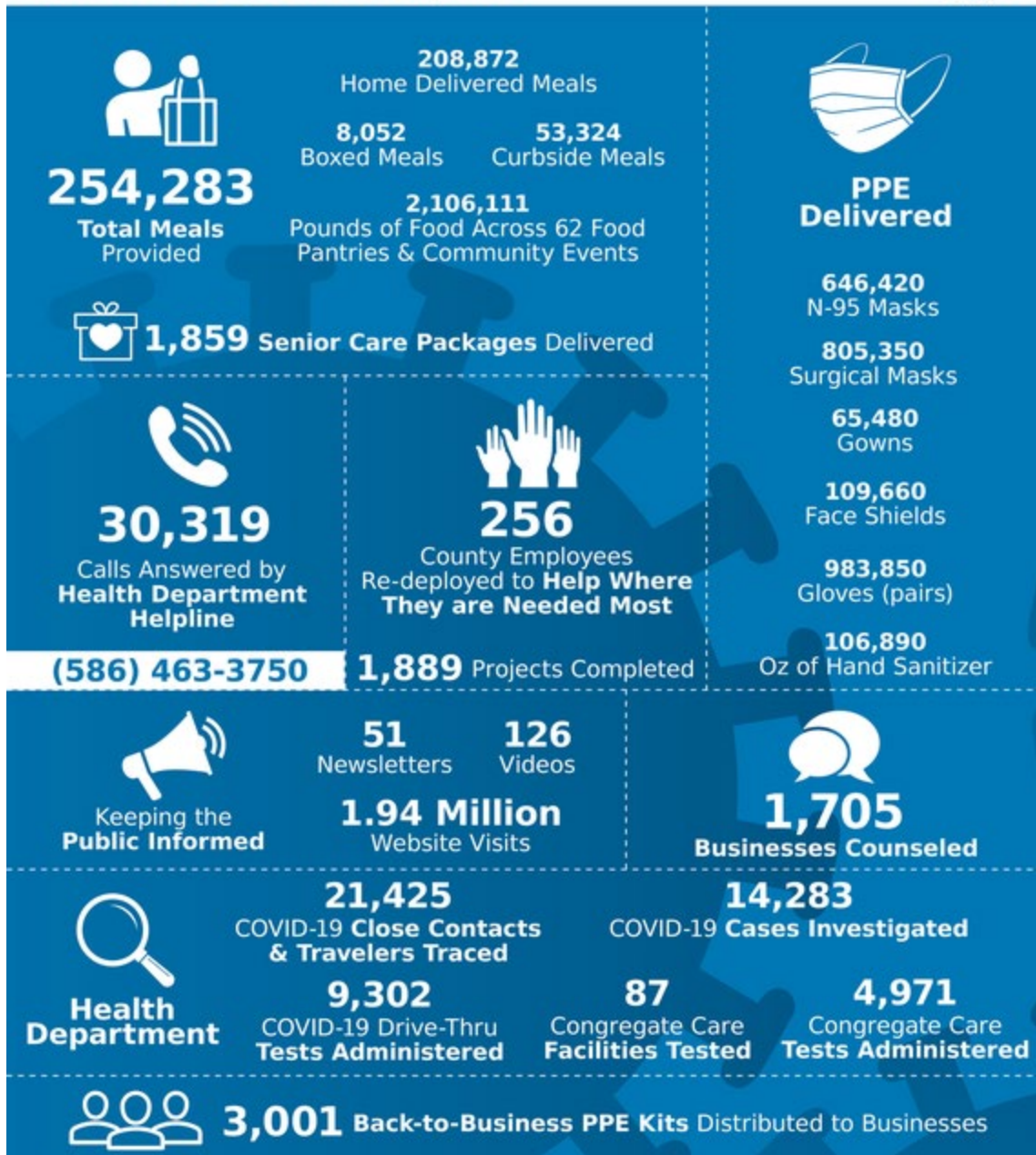
Halloween Safety Guidance

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- Has your company incurred extra expenses related to PPE and/or technology since March 16? The Macomb County CARES for Small Business Program has made funds available through the Workplace Safety Grant. Businesses with 500 or less employees may submit PPE and technology receipts/invoices for reimbursement of up to \$20,000 (this is not a loan and therefore does not have to be paid back). The deadline to apply has been extended through THIS Friday, October 9. Learn more at [MacombBusiness.com](https://www.mcombbusiness.com).
- Macomb County leaders and personnel have been on the ground responding to the COVID-19 crisis since mid-March. Here's what has been accomplished so far:

MACOMB COUNTY RESPONSE TO COVID-19

March 11 - September 30, 2020



Executive Mark Hackel has been regularly sharing video updates with Macomb County residents on YouTube and social media. Click on the links below for the latest updates.



- [Shipt for Seniors Update with Executive Hackel and Sheila Cote - October 2020](#)

In the News

- Macomb Community Action works to help people during COVID-19 pandemic. [Read more.](#)
- What do we know about superspreader events in the pandemic? [Read more.](#)
- Macomb County celebrates MFG Day in a big way. [Read more.](#)
- Here are the best roads to see fall colors in metro Detroit. [Read more.](#)
- Stony Creek Metropark claims top spot on metro Detroit trail rankings. [Read more.](#)
- Macomb public works goes forward with infrastructure inspection program. [Read more.](#)

Helpful Information and Resources

The Macomb County Emergency Operations Center and Department of Health continue to lead local efforts to respond to the ever-evolving nature of COVID-19 pandemic. For the latest COVID-19 data, news and information, click on the buttons below for helpful resources available to you.



Stay Informed

If you have questions about COVID-19, please call the Macomb County Health Department helpline at 586-463-3750. The helpline is open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. For the latest information from Macomb County regarding COVID-19, please visit macombgov.org/covid19.

