

MARK HACKEL, MACOMB COUNTY EXECUTIVE



October 14, 2020

Good afternoon,

I'll begin this message by confirming that - as we expected when we ushered in cooler temperatures - the number of positive COVID-19 cases is on the rise in the nation, our state and right here in Macomb County. Now more than ever, we must be vigilant to keep ourselves and others healthy. Wear a mask when you go out. If you don't feel well, stay home and get in touch with a health care professional. Continue to practice good hand hygiene, avoid large gatherings of people and please, answer the phone if our Health Department calls about contact tracing. Together, we must help each other get past this.

If you are worried you may have been exposed to the coronavirus, be sure to take advantage of our free drive-thru testing site located at 380 Rose St. in Mount Clemens on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. No appointment or symptoms are needed to be tested.

Finally, I'd like to highlight the work of our Office of Senior Services in their successful launch of a [Shipt for Seniors program](#) last week. This new initiative offers residents over the age of 60 a free, one-year membership to the grocery delivery service, and the response from our community has been overwhelmingly positive. Know that the county is working to find additional opportunities to support these individuals and keep them safe during these uncertain times. Please get in touch with our office at 586-469-5228 to learn more.



Wishing you wellness,

Mark

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Important Things to Know


- The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services last week issued an epidemic order mirroring executive orders previously issued to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Learn more about the order [here](#).


COVID-19



MDHHS EPIDEMIC ORDER OCT. 9

MDHHS has issued orders under a law first enacted by the Michigan Legislature after the Spanish Flu of 1918 specifically to deal with epidemics. Note that the Supreme Court struck down a different, broader law.


Under MDHHS's epidemic order:




1 **Masks** must be worn over nose and mouth in gatherings of two or more people, including stores, offices, schools and events. Businesses cannot admit people without masks, with few exceptions.




2 **Capacity** limits apply to indoor and outdoor gatherings, including business, social and recreational settings. They're stricter inside.




3 **Restaurants and bars** must limit capacity for gatherings, and may only serve alcohol to parties who are seated, 6 feet apart, and stay separate.



4 **Organized sports** require masks (except for swimming) and have gathering limits.




5 **Employees** who are in isolation or quarantine because of COVID-19 exposure, symptoms or test results cannot go to work with others, or be required to go to work with others.



6 **Contact tracing:** Many businesses must collect contact information from their customers so they can be contacted in case they are exposed to someone who is ill.

To read the complete MDHHS Oct. 9, 2020, Epidemic Order, visit Michigan.gov/Coronavirus. Questions or concerns can be emailed to COVID19@michigan.gov.



- The Macomb County Office of Senior Services recently launched a new partnership with [Shipt](#), an online grocery delivery service. The partnership, which is the first of its kind between Shipt and a senior services agency, will allow Macomb County to offer residents over the age of 60 a free, one-year membership to the delivery service. Individuals interested in signing up for a Shipt membership can reach the Macomb County Office of Senior Services by calling 586-469-5228 Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. The deadline to apply for the program is November 10.
- The Macomb County Health Department and its community partners have launched a new Community Health Survey to hear from everyone who lives, works and plays in Macomb County. All it takes is 10 minutes. Make your voice heard by [clicking here](#).



- The Macomb County Health Department announced today that it will be conducting drive-through flu immunization clinics on Saturday, October 17, and Saturday, October 24. The new Saturday immunization dates are being made available to provide broader access to flu vaccinations for Macomb County residents. Flu immunizations will be available in Mount Clemens in the parking lot of the former Macomb County Juvenile Court Building located at 380 North Rose in Mount Clemens. The site will be open from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Appointments are required. To make an appointment, call 586-469-5372 or 586-465-8537, Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Macomb Community College has received federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act dollars through Macomb County to fund free training for your company's employees. This non-credit, short-term training is designed to bring your workforce quickly up to speed on the trends and technologies impacting today's manufacturing sector. There are Business and Information Technology courses in cloud computing, social media marketing, change management, virtual team building and more. Engineering and Advanced Technology courses include quality, robotics, electrical fundamentals, AutoCad and more. This free training is available to employees of Macomb County manufacturing firms with a workforce of 250 or less. [Learn more](#) about this valuable training.
- 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.
- In recognition of the importance of wearing a mask to reduce the spread of COVID-19, Macomb County, the Anton Art Center and Henry Ford Macomb Hospitals called out to resident creatives of all ages to design a poster to help promote #MaskUpMacomb. Artists responded with a variety of impressive original designs. Last week, the winners in both youth and adult categories were announced via [video here](#). Check out all the submissions in this [Facebook album](#). Pictured here: The first place winning entry in the adult category, by Vanessa Montano.

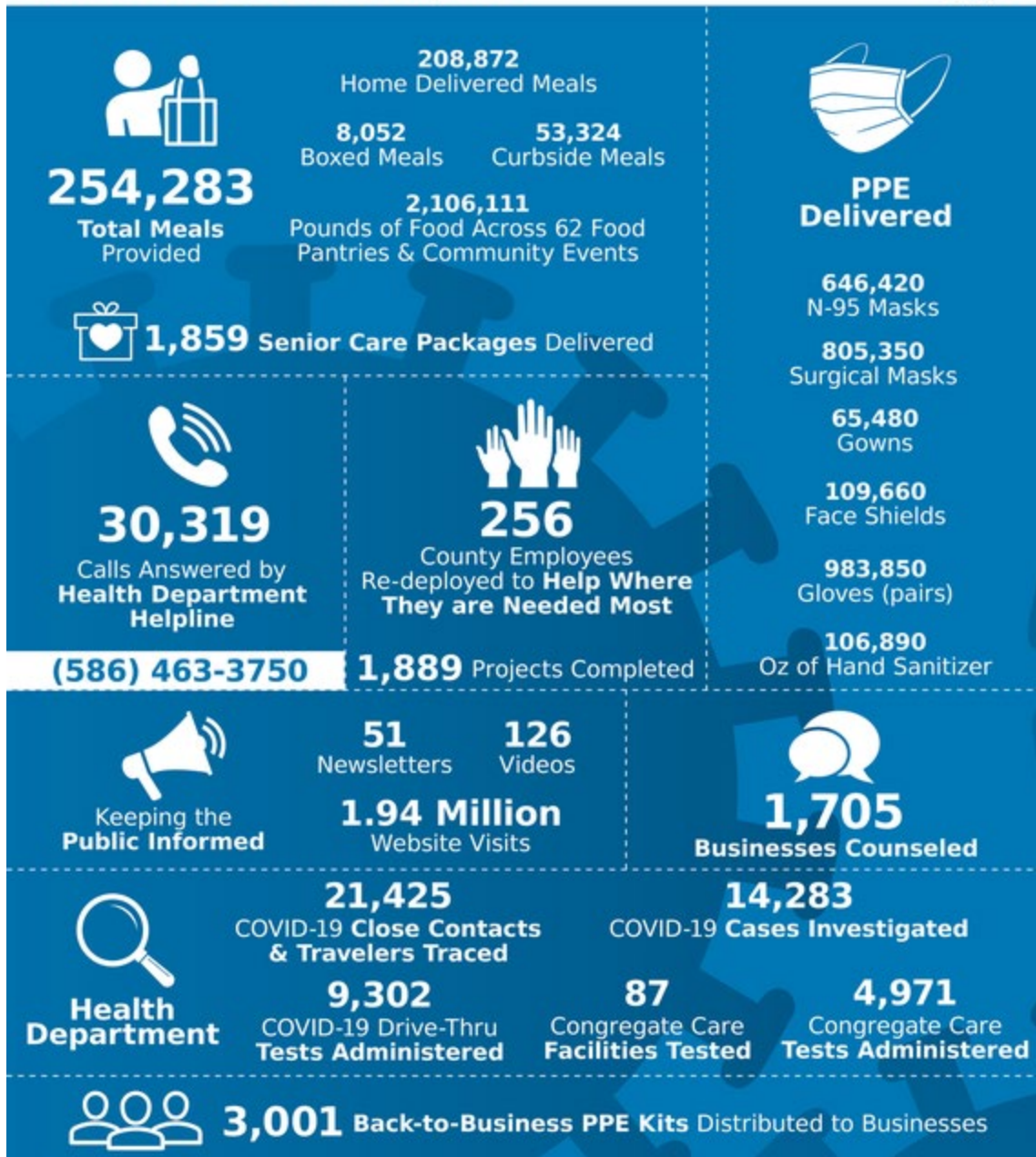
#MASK UP MACOMB



- If you are in need of financial assistance, don't hesitate to reach out to Macomb Community Action (MCA). The team is standing by to help you with rent and mortgage payments, utility bills and groceries. MCA has also launched a Coronavirus Relief Water and Plumbing Repair program for Macomb County residents. Applicants must meet program guidelines, including income guidelines, to qualify. Please call 586-469-6329 to apply.
- 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.



- [Macomb County COVID-19 Update - October 13, 2020](#)
 - [Shipt for Seniors Update with Executive Hackel and Sheila Cote - October 2020](#)
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In the News

- Macomb executive urges public to be more patient with contact tracers, facemask wearers. [Read more.](#)
 - Macomb County partners with Shipt to help seniors get food delivered for free. [Read more.](#)
 - Michigan lawmakers approve COVID-19 response plan. [Read more.](#)
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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.

