

MARK HACKEL, MACOMB COUNTY EXECUTIVE



October 21, 2020

Good afternoon,

The big news this week is that Macomb County's response to the 2020 census topped the nation for counties with more than 500,000 people. We ARE #1! Thank you to everyone who responded and to our community partners who helped make sure Macomb County residents were counted. Learn more in today's featured [video](#).

If you are a business owner and you have not yet received a COVID-19 relief grant from Macomb County, now is your last chance to apply. Details are below.

I am proud to tell you that we are setting records at our drive-thru COVID-19 testing site in Mount Clemens. Offered three days per week, we are testing about 300 people per day with results typically available within 48 hours. And on Tuesdays and Thursdays, we are offering quick and easy flu shots for those who call ahead to make an appointment.

Finally, our Green Macomb program is currently focused on increasing Macomb County's green canopy. And this week, they are reminding us to celebrate trees and the beauty of the season through the "Prettiest Tree Contest." Do you have a local candidate? Be sure to [enter a photo](#) of it for a chance to win a collection of Made in Macomb goodies.

In closing, please remember to take good care of yourself and others. Together, we will get through this.

Wishing you wellness,

Mark

Mark A. Hackel
Macomb County Executive

Important Things to Know

- Macomb County Planning and Economic Development has opened a new grant program to help small businesses dealing with the impact of COVID-19. This is the



final opportunity for these organizations to apply for assistance. The grant application process will remain open through November 2, 2020 at 12 p.m. Businesses with 50-500 employees may be eligible for grants up to \$10,000. Businesses with 1-49 employees may be eligible for grants up to \$5,000. [Learn more](#).


- The Macomb County Health Department is conducting contact tracing to reduce the spread of COVID-19. But this effort only works when the community helps. If you are contacted by the Health Department, please answer the phone. And if you miss the call, please get back in touch.

ANSWER THE PHONE CALL!

Public Health Staff are trying to track COVID-19 cases to find out:

- Your current health status
- If you have or have had symptoms
- Possible exposure to and from other people
- Places you may have come in contact with the virus





Health
Department

MacombGov.org

04/27/20

- Medicare open enrollment assistance is now open and runs through December 7. This is the opportunity for Medicare participants to review their plan options and make changes for 2021. The Macomb County Office of Seniors have a trained, unbiased team of advocates in place to assist with the process. In-person

appointments can be scheduled with the office by calling 586-469-5228. You must be 60 years or older and a Macomb County resident. An option to meet with an advocate by phone is also available.

- This year, Green Macomb wants to know: Where is Macomb County's prettiest tree? Take part in a new tree-tastic contest and help us answer that question! All you need to do is snap a photo of your favorite tree, enter it between now and October 25 and you can win a fantastic basket featuring specially selected "Made in Macomb" products. [Learn more](#).



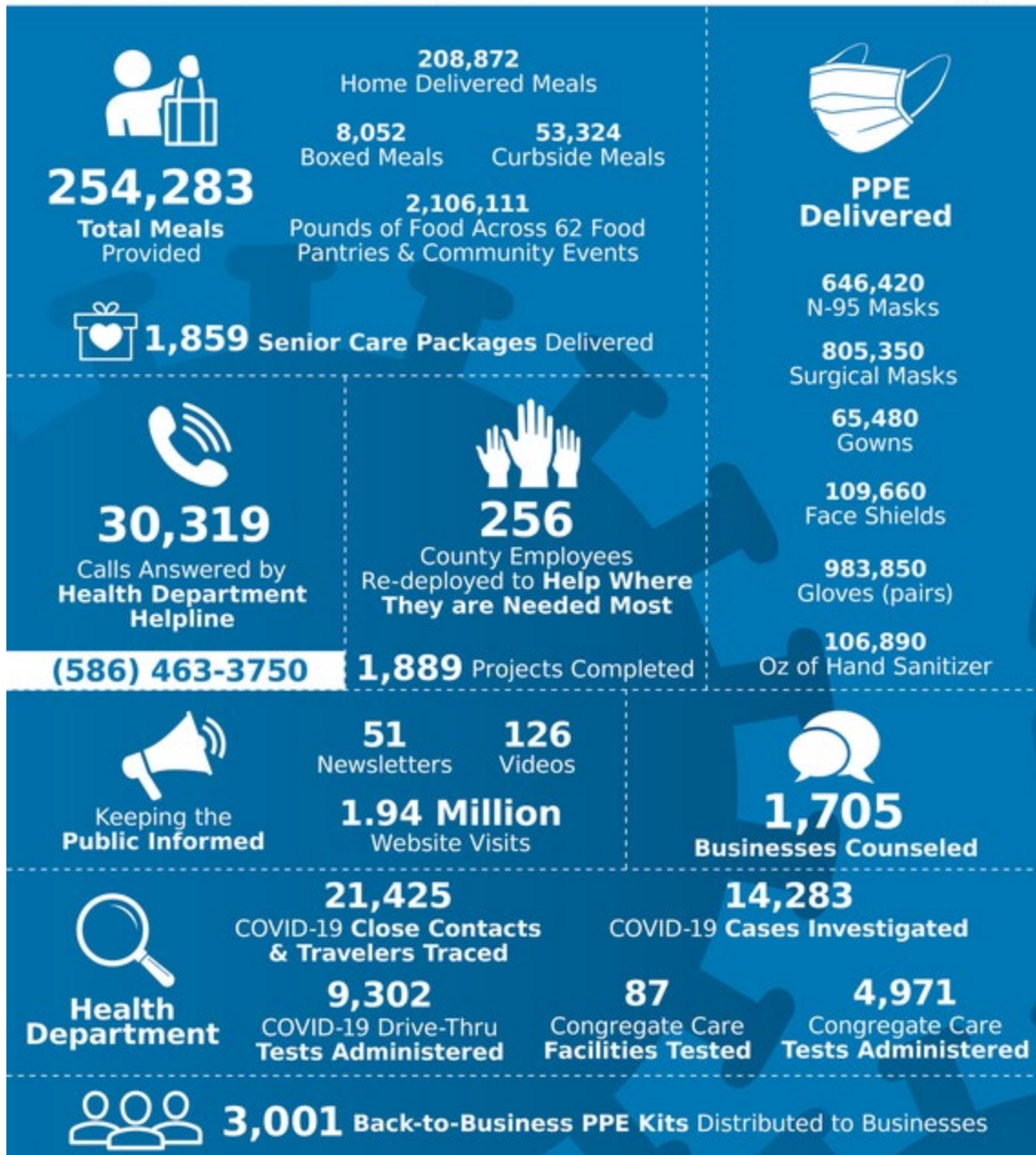
- The Macomb County Health Department will be providing flu vaccinations this Saturday, October 24 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at a drive-through site in Mount Clemens. This is in addition to the regularly-scheduled vaccination clinics held throughout the week. For all flu shot opportunities, an appointment must be made. [Click here](#) for more details.
- The Macomb County Department of Roads will host [Innovate Mound 201](#), a virtual information week that includes various opportunities for the public to learn more about the Innovate Mound project. The public is invited to attend virtual public meetings scheduled for Tuesday, November 10 and Thursday, November 12. MCDR personnel and the Innovate Mound project team will share updated details on the project and provide opportunities for the public to ask questions or provide comments. Innovate Mound 201 is the second installment of community outreach to engage the public in the ongoing project. [Learn more](#).



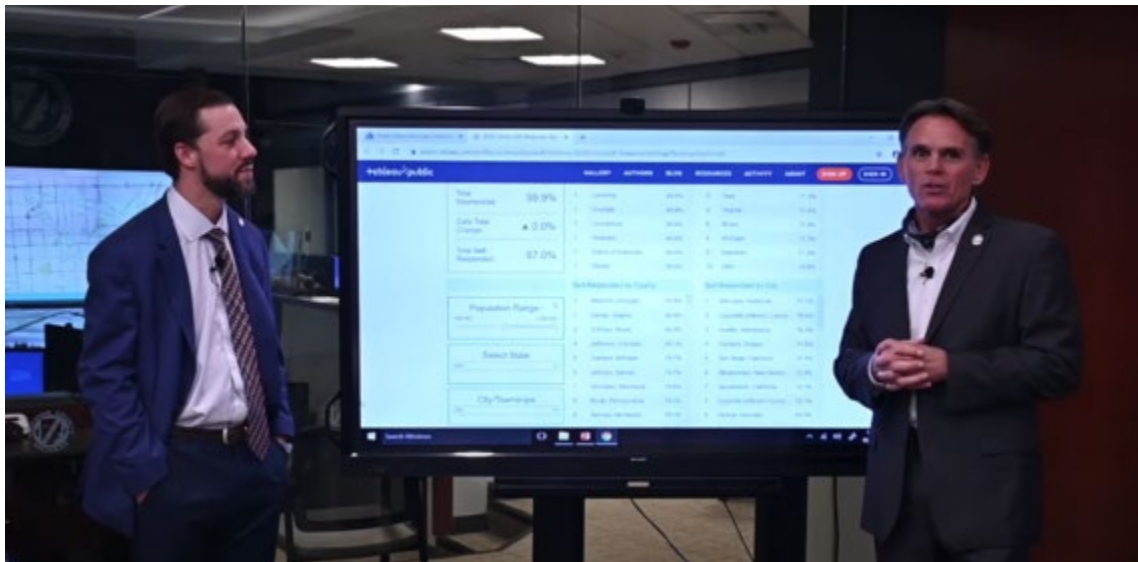
- Macomb County leaders and personnel have been on the ground responding to the COVID-19 crisis since mid-March. Here's what has been accomplished so far:

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 Leads in 2020 Census Responses - October 20, 2020](#)

In the News

- Last call for Macomb County businesses to receive COVID-19 grants. [Read more.](#)
- Whitmer signs bills extending unemployment insurance benefits to 26 weeks. [Read more.](#)
- Michigan opens 77 new, free COVID-19 testing sites. [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.

