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**COVID-19 UPDATE**  
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Good afternoon.

Yesterday, Governor Whitmer announced a May 11 opening of manufacturing facilities in Michigan. This industry is vital to Macomb County's economy, so I was very pleased to hear this news. It's progress and it means we are heading in the right direction as a state.

Our efforts to fight COVID-19 are working, but before we re-engage all workers, we must continue to flatten the curve, improve our case count numbers and further contain the virus. It is not easy, but staying at home and limiting our activities will help us reach these goals. I'm again asking for your patience in this effort. Because we can only beat COVID-19 together.

Thank you, and remember, let's stay home and stay safe to save lives.

Mark A. Hackel  
Macomb County Executive

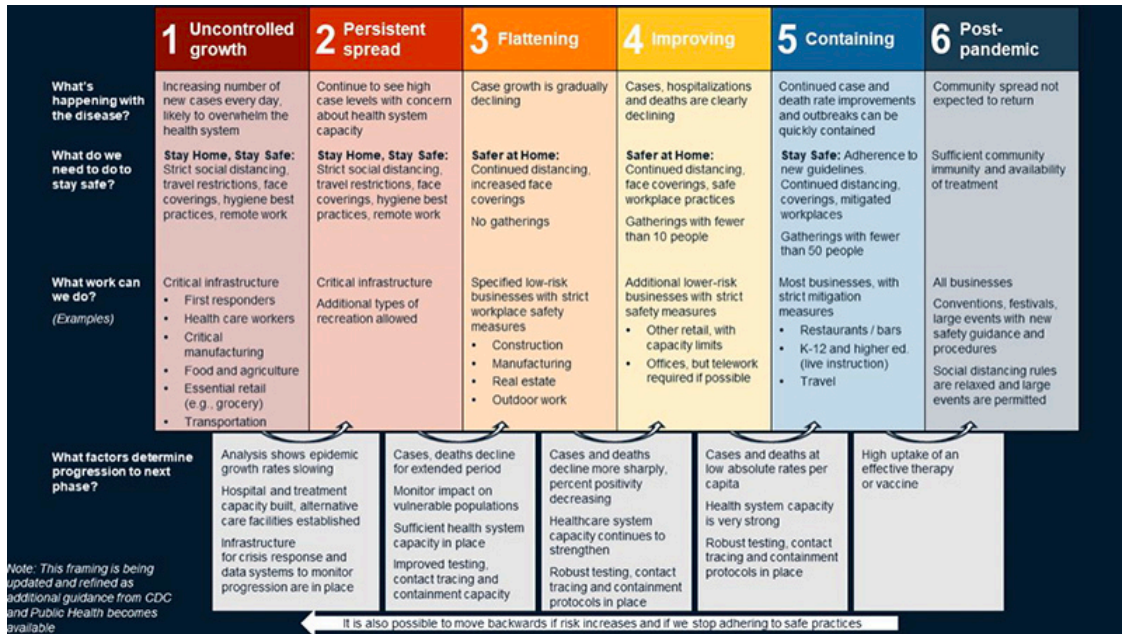
**If you are concerned about COVID-19 or have mild symptoms, please do not call 911 and do not visit the Macomb County Health Department to be tested for COVID-19. Please contact your health care provider. For more information, visit [macombgov.org/covid19](https://macombgov.org/covid19) or call the COVID-19 Helpline at 586-463-3750. The Helpline is open 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday. If you need further assistance, contact the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Hotline which is open seven days a week from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at 888-535-6136. You can also send an email to [COVID19@michigan.gov](mailto:COVID19@michigan.gov) for assistance. If you need other forms of assistance (food, senior services, etc.), please contact the Macomb Community Action Helpline at 586-469-6999.**

**For all the latest news and information, go to [macombgov.org](https://macombgov.org).**

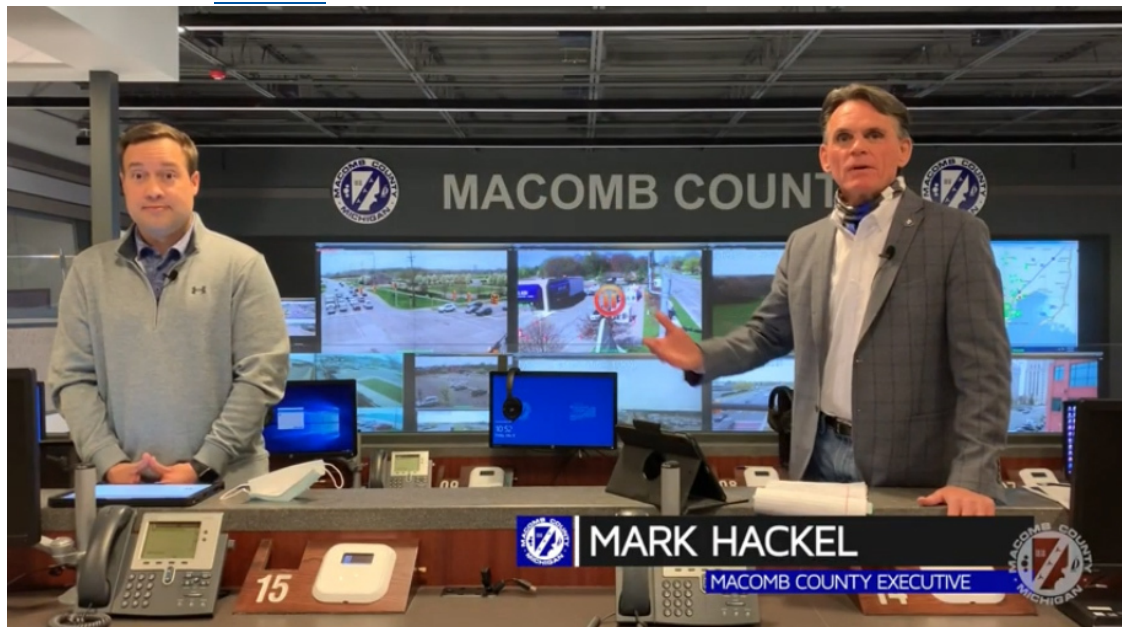
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## Important Things to Know

- Governor Whitmer has signed [Executive Order 2020-77](#) to extend Michigan's Stay Home, Stay Safe order to May 28. The governor's order will allow manufacturing workers, including those at Michigan's Big 3 auto companies, to resume work on Monday, May 11. She also detailed the six phases of her MI Safe Start Plan to re-engage Michigan's economy. The governor has worked with leaders in health care, business, labor, and education to develop the plan, and announced that Michigan is in phase three. Learn more [here](#).



- The Macomb County Department of Planning and Economic Development has been awarded \$300,000 by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to assess brownfield sites in the county. Awarded as part of a competitive process, Macomb County received one of 155 grants totaling \$65.6 million for communities and tribes nationwide. [Learn more.](#)
- The Macomb County Emergency Operations Center and Department of Health continue leading local efforts to respond to the ever-evolving nature of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Macomb County continues to update the online COVID-19 dashboard with the latest data and information. [Click here](#) to access the dashboard.



Executive 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:

- [COVID-19 Update with County Executive Mark Hackel - May 8](#)
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## In the News

- Michigan food and agriculture companies can now apply for economic injury disaster loans. [Read more.](#)
  - Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer reopens manufacturing, including Big 3 automakers. [Read more.](#)
  - Macomb County breweries and wineries offering curbside pickup. [Read more.](#)
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## Helpful Links

- To help encourage participation in the 2020 Census, Macomb County has been hosting free drive-thru lunch events across the region. On Saturday, May 9, a very special event will be held at the Rising Stars Academy in Center Line. Learn more here: <https://bit.ly/2SHep6x>
  - In the past few weeks, additional COVID-19 testing locations have opened in Macomb County. You can find an updated link on the county website, [macombgov.org](http://macombgov.org). Michigan also lists all testing sites across the state. Click [here](#) to access that information.
  - Experiencing food insecurity? Visit <https://gis.macombgov.org/go/food> to access maps of food pantries and school food programs.
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## Stay Informed

For the latest information from Macomb County regarding COVID-19, please visit [macombgov.org/covid19](http://macombgov.org/covid19).