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"What God has for You is for You. . .!"



U. S. SUPREME COURT JUSTICE KETANJI BROWN JACKSON

BLACK HISTORY : "ALWAYS & FOREVER!"

Resolution of Respect
For Rev. Dr. C. P. Noble
A beloved Pastor and Community Leader

We are today comforted by the words of Our Lord in Revelations 21:4 which says:

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

Whereas Rev. Dr. Clarence. P. Noble passed from this life on April 15, 2022, and

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God to take unto Himself our Pastor, Community Leader and Friend, Rev. Dr. C. P. Noble, too soon by our measure but in the providence of the All-knowing Divine, and

Whereas, in God's holy wisdom, He has called home Rev. Dr. C. P. Noble to dwell with Him in the glories of Paradise, the facilitators, sub-committee co-chairs, and members of the Macon County Community Task Force offer their sincere condolences to the family. Your sorrow is our sorrow; your loss is magnified by the loss of a dear soul from our circle of leaders, and

Whereas, Rev. Dr. C. P. Noble served this earthly Kingdom with devout ministrations to Greater St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church, as Pastor and the community of Macon County as a trusted leader and advocate, and

Whereas our cherished Rev. Dr. C. P. Noble shared the fruits of his labor as a principled and successful religious leader by providing space for the Distribution Sub-Committee of the Macon County Community Task Force to house vital COVID-19 personal protective equipment. Moreover, he shared the time and talents of his congregation at Greater St. Mark Baptist Church to manage and distribute the personal protective equipment to other organizations in the Macon County Community, and

Whereas Rev. Dr. C. P. Noble performed his work on this earth and offered his service to the Macon County Community for the greater honor and glory of God, unreservedly and in a spirit of humility by partnering with local churches and the Macon County Community Task Force to host COVID-19 Testing Clinics, vaccination information sharing and vaccination clinics, as well as hosted Macon County Schools' Baccalaureate program on the grounds of Greater St. Mark Baptist Church to help families experience a safe gathering during the pandemic.

Whereas, we have each of us been blessed by the presence of Rev. Dr. C. P. Noble in our lives and the community has been enriched by his good works which were demonstrated by his continuous and tireless devotion to Greater St. Mark Baptist Church, his service on numerous commissions/committees, and his devotion to family.

Therefore, be it resolved that we embrace this bereaved family, in our common bond of grief and remembrance of a beloved soul.

And therefore, be it resolved that we bow in acceptance of the perfection of God's plan to gather each of us into His merciful arms when we have fulfilled our task on this earth.

Be it further resolved that a period of official mourning shall be observed for 30 days by the presence of a statement of memory on the Macon County Community Task Force's website to acknowledge the passing of Rev. Dr. C. P. Noble and that a copy of this resolution be given to the family with a copy kept in the Macon County Community Task Force archives.

Respectfully submitted on this 25th day of April 2022

Macon County Community Task Force Facilitators:

Dr. Charlotte Morris, President Tuskegee University

Mrs. Bernice L. Frazier, Chairman - Macon County Healthcare Authority, Inc.

Pastor Domesia Manuel, Past-President Macon Ministerial Alliance

Honorable Dr. Lucenia Dunn, President/CEO- Tuskegee Macon County Community Foundation

Video Tribute to The Life & Times of Rev. Clarence P. Noble

https://youtu.be/Xo444t3BI_U



Several members of the Task Force met with the Chairman of the Macon County Commission to express dissatisfaction with how little input county residents are having in decisions about how COVID-19 related American Rescue Plans Act Recovery funds are being dispersed and spent! See Story on page 8.

Seroprevalence of Infection-Induced SARS-CoV-2 Antibodies—United States, September 2021–February 2022

Weekly / April 26, 2022 / 71(17)
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 In December 2021, the B.1.1.529 (Omicron) variant of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, became predominant in the United States. Subsequently, national COVID-19 case rates peaked at their highest recorded levels.*
 Traditional methods of disease surveillance do not capture all COVID-19 cases because some are asymptomatic, not diagnosed, or not reported; therefore, the proportion of the population with SARS-CoV-2 antibodies (i.e., seroprevalence) can improve understanding of population-level incidence of COVID-19. This report uses data from CDC’s national commercial laboratory seroprevalence study and the 2018 American Community Survey to examine U.S. trends in infection-induced SARS-CoV-2 seroprevalence during September 2021–February 2022, by age group.
 The national commercial laboratory seroprevalence study is a repeated, cross-sectional, national survey that estimates the proportion of the population in 50 U.S. states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico that has infection-induced antibodies to SARS-CoV-2.† Sera are tested for anti-nucleocapsid (anti-N) antibodies, which are produced in response to infection but are not produced in response to COVID-19 vaccines currently authorized for emergency use or approved by the Food and Drug Administration in the United States.§
 During September 2021–February 2022, a convenience sample of blood specimens submitted for clinical testing was analyzed every 4 weeks for anti-N antibodies; in February 2022, the sampling period was <2 weeks in 18 of the 52 jurisdictions, and specimens were unavailable from two jurisdictions. Specimens for which SARS-CoV-2 antibody testing was ordered by the clinician were excluded to reduce selection bias. During September 2021–January 2022, the median sample size per 4-week period was 73,869 (range = 64,969–81,468); the sample size for February 2022 was 45,810. Seroprevalence estimates were assessed by 4-week periods overall and by age group (0–11, 12–17, 18–49, 50–64, and ≥65 years). To produce estimates, investigators weighted jurisdiction-level results to population using raking across age, sex, and metropolitan status dimensions from 2018 American Community Survey data¶ (1).

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PUBLIC NOTICE
“New Doctor in Town!”
 Dr. Robert Quarcoo, D.O. practices family medicine and will come on board June 1, 2022, at the Tuskegee Medical & Surgical Center. He will work in partnership with Community Hospital and the Macon County Health Care Authority.
WELCOME Dr. Quarcoo!
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CIs were calculated using bootstrap resampling (2); statistical differences were assessed by nonoverlapping CIs. All specimens were tested by the Roche Elecsys Anti-SARS-CoV-2 pan-immunoglobulin immunoassay.** All statistical analyses were conducted using R statistical software (version 4.0.3; The R Foundation). This activity was reviewed by CDC, approved by respective institutional review boards, and conducted consistent with applicable federal law and CDC policy.††

During September–December 2021, overall seroprevalence increased by 0.9–1.9 percentage points per 4-week period.

During December 2021–February 2022, overall U.S. seroprevalence increased from 33.5% (95% CI = 33.1–34.0) to 57.7% (95% CI = 57.1–58.3). Over the same period, seroprevalence increased from 44.2% (95% CI = 42.8–45.8) to 75.2% (95% CI = 73.6–76.8) among children aged 0–11 years and from 45.6% (95% CI = 44.4–46.9) to 74.2% (95% CI = 72.8–75.5) among persons aged 12–17 years (Figure). Seroprevalence increased from 36.5% (95% CI = 35.7–37.4) to 63.7% (95% CI = 62.5–64.8) among adults aged 18–49 years, 28.8% (95% CI = 27.9–29.8) to 49.8% (95% CI = 48.5–51.3) among those aged 50–64 years, and from 19.1% (95% CI = 18.4–19.8) to 33.2% (95% CI = 32.2–34.3) among those aged ≥65 years.

The findings in this report are subject to at least four limitations. First, convenience sampling might limit generalizability. Second, lack of race and ethnicity data precluded weighting for these variables. Third, all samples were obtained for clinical testing and might overrepresent persons with greater health care access or who more frequently seek care. Finally, these findings might underestimate the cumulative number of SARS-CoV-2 infections because infections after vaccination might result in lower anti-N titers,§§,¶¶ and anti-N seroprevalence cannot account for reinfections.

As of February 2022, approximately 75% of children and adolescents had serologic evidence of previous infection with SARS-CoV-2, with approximately one third becoming newly seropositive since December 2021. The greatest increases in seroprevalence during September 2021–February 2022, occurred in the age groups with the lowest vaccination coverage; the proportion of the U.S. population fully vaccinated by April 2022 increased with age (5–11, 28%; 12–17, 59%; 18–49, 69%; 50–64, 80%; and ≥65 years, 90%). Lower seroprevalence among adults aged ≥65 years, who are at greater risk for severe illness from COVID-19, might also be related to the increased use of additional precautions with increasing age (3).

These findings illustrate a high infection rate for the Omicron variant, especially among children. Seropositivity for anti-N antibodies should not be interpreted as protection from future infection. Vaccination remains the safest strategy for preventing complications from SARS-CoV-2 infection, including hospitalization among children and adults (4,5). COVID-19 vaccination following infection provides additional protection against severe disease and hospitalization (6). Staying up to date††† with vaccination is recommended for all eligible persons, including those with previous SARS-CoV-2 infection. Corresponding author: Kristie E.N. Clarke, vhz9@cdc.gov. 1CDC COVID-19 Emergency Response Team; 2ICF International, Rockville, Maryland.

All authors have completed and submitted the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors form for disclosure of potential conflicts of interest. No potential conflicts of interest were disclosed.

PUBLISHER'S COMMENTS:

This article is reprinted to keep Macon County residents aware of the more technical facts about COVID-19 and encourage their study and understanding of its content!



Protect yourself now with a COVID-19 booster. It's a simple way to reduce the effects of the virus, possibly preventing hospitalization and serious complications. Depending on the type of COVID vaccine you've already had, times to get the booster vary, so visit www.AlabamaUnites.com to learn more.



Frank H. Lee

MAJOR FIRE IN MACON COUNTY

On April 17, 2022, shortly after noon, our agency received a call from the Emergency Command Center, indicating that an emergency gas fueled fire had been confirmed in Macon County on C.R. 18.

Our agency went into emergency response mode and made the needed contact with our mutual aid partners and mitigation steps were taken.

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Spire Energy, our local gas provider, established contact and deployed the assets and an emergency team to terminate the gas supply and the Tuskegee Fire Department was on standby to extinguish the existing fire fueled by the surplus gas supply.

The Emergency team began repairs and shortly after 8 p.m. repairs and safety checks were carried out.

Shortly after the safety check, Spire employees begun reconnecting gas utilities and the roadway was opened. Macon County Water Authority also had to terminate water service during the repairs.

Water services were also restored.

All responding agencies, public safety and utility providers worked in the spirit of cooperation to assure that all residents were safe during this emergency.

Our agency wants to thank our first responders, public safety agencies, area media outlets and our utility providers for assisting in another safe recovery mission and thank God there were no injuries.

TUSKEGEE'S MASK ORDINANCE STILL IN EFFECT!

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-05

"An Ordinance to require masks in public in the City of Tuskegee during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency and Recovery."

Adopted: August 11, 2020

LIVE HEALTHY

YOUR GUIDE TO HEALTHY LIVING

REPRINT

If You Drink These, Stop Immediately. This isn't a joke. It's as serious as it can get. If you are diabetic, pre-diabetic or know someone who is, keep reading. Experts are pushing to get these 3 drinks moved over to the 'Do Not Consume' list asap. These killers have been officially labeled the "Diabetes Death Drinks." The are:

1. Diet Sodas
2. Low Fat Milk
3. Fruit Juices (Other than natural)

They are so dangerous that even consuming a small amount can trigger a deadly response.

Before you go - must read: "What Are Added Sugars, and what's the recommended Intake?"

Most of us know sugar should be avoided. Although we are aware sugar isn't particularly healthy, this ingredient can be hard to resist. If you want to be more mindful about sugar consumption but aren't sure where to start, recommended daily intakes of added sugars are worth checking out.

Read on to learn more.

What Are Added Sugars?

Added sugars can be divided into two groups. The first group is sugars that food manufacturers add to their products, and the second group is sugars that you add to your meals or drinks.

What makes added sugars so bad?

To put it simply, they contain calories but don't have any essential nutrients, and our body doesn't need them. Added sugars pile on the natural sugars from fruits and dairy products and can often lead to insulin resistance, diabetes, heart disease, and liver damage.

For these reasons, it's essential to monitor how much added sugar we consume daily.

Recommended Daily Added Sugar Intake:

According to the American Heart Association (AHA), the recommended daily added sugar intake is 25 grams for women and 36 grams for men. That's around six teaspoons for women and nine for men.

When we say "added sugar," most of us think of sweets, ice creams, doughnuts, and chocolates. Unfortunately, this ingredient often hides in "healthy" foods as well. You can find it in cereal, dried fruit, popcorn, pasta sauces, etc.

Cut Out Added Sugars

If you want to reduce sugar intake, you should always check the food label before purchasing a product. Moreover, try to find healthier alternatives for candies and desserts. You'll be surprised by how much healthier you'll feel.

NATURE'S GARDEN DESTROYED BY FIRE: COMMUNITY HELP NEEDED!

The Joy of Building...And Commitment to Rebuilding We Seek to Raise \$55k Nature's Garden for Victory & Peace, is a non-profit land-based organization engaged in creating a Holistic Intentional Learning Community. On March 10, 2022 we lost our outdoor stage to an accidental fire when a small portable fire-pit, with unseen embers, was placed on the stage overnight. The stage as a cornerstone of our work supported our mission as a cultural, artistic and agricultural venue used to bring people together in the spirit of true community.

We are asking for assistance from all who can assist us in rebuilding the stage. We want to raise \$55k to rebuild the stage, the only one of its kind in our rural community. The amount includes: Labor, Tools, Lumber and other building materials. Also included is the replacement of over 50 chairs, multiple tables, stage-lights, and electrical wiring.

We give thanks that the fire didn't reach the forest and do more damage. We give thanks that no one was hurt. Any donation amount is deeply encouraging and gratefully received. Giving Selections:

PayPal: naturesgardenvp@gmail.com **CashApp:** \$NaturesGardenVP **GoFundMe:** <https://gofund.me/ceaad0ae>

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Founders, Breanna and Brooke Bennett

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Dear Alabama Legislators:

"Thank you so much for voting YES to House Bill 50 menstrual equity bill, introduced by Rep. Rolanda Hollis and carried in the Senate by Sen. Linda Coleman-Madison. Once Governor Kay Ivey signs the bill into law, Title I schools may apply for grants from the Alabama Department of Education to provide menstrual products to students in need. The \$200,000 you allocated is a great start to ending period poverty in our sweet home state . . .! . . . Thank you for caring for the least among us."

Breanna and Brooke Bennett, Co-Founders, Women in Training, Inc.

REPRINT—By [Lauren Harksen](#)

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (WBRC) - Girls in Alabama schools will soon have easier access to feminine hygiene products, thanks to [a new bill signed](#) by Governor Ivey on Thursday April 14, 2022. It establishes a grant program which will award funds for the products to low-income schools.

Teenage twin girls Brooke and Brianna Bennett have been advocating for the bill for years. Their non-profit [Women in Training was created in 2019](#) to end period poverty. They advocate for menstrual equity and education.

The new law is a step in the right direction for Alabama, and the girls along with their mom are celebrating!

"I'm so excited!" said Brooke. "We've been trying for three years to pass this bill and we finally passed it! I'm so happy and I'm so thankful to Representative Hollis."

Rep. Rolanda Hollis of Birmingham introduced the bill to help the Bennett's dream come true. Brooke even spoke on the House floor to get the law passed. [HB 50](#) makes it possible for low-income girls in 5th-12th grade to have access to feminine hygiene products like tampons and pads at no cost.

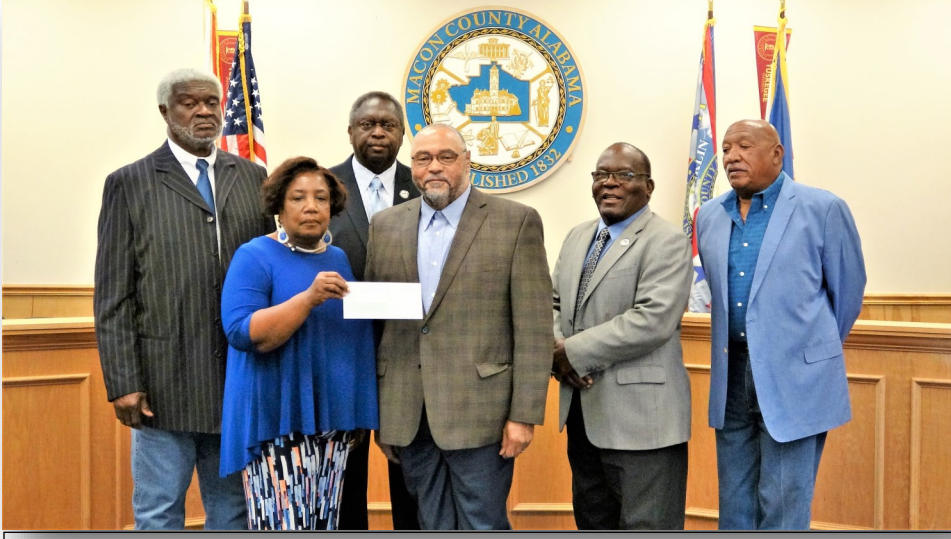
Adeyela Bennett is the twins' mother and the CEO of [Women in Training](#). She tells WBRC when she became a teacher, she kept products in her classroom at all times because she understood the need from a young age.

"I've had students stay home from school because they didn't have the products," said Adeyela. "So as an educator, I was always trying to do my little part to take care of it, so I'm amazed my daughters have taken it bigger than me!"



The Twins and Rep. Hollis Get

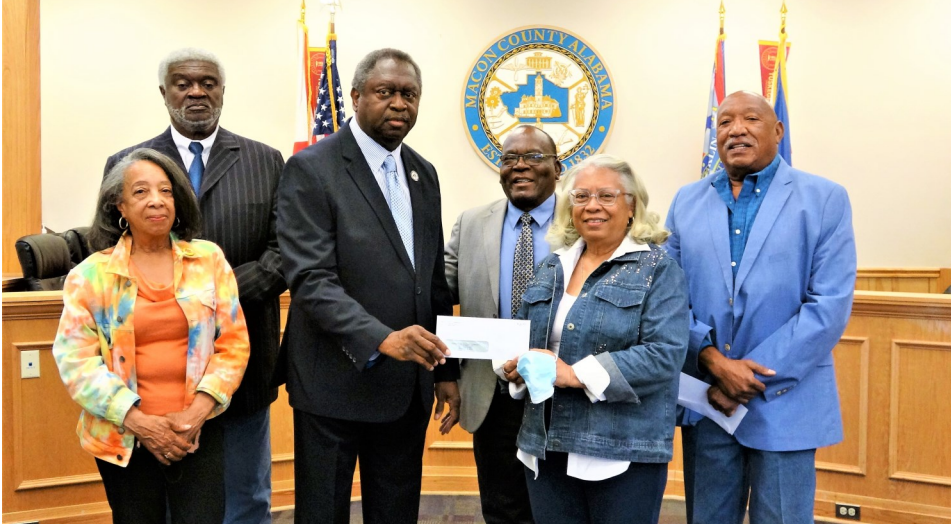
The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, also called the COVID-19 Stimulus Package or American Rescue Plan, Pub.L. 117-2 (text) (PDF) (March 11, 2021), Funds distributed to some local organizations by Macon County, AL Commissioners!



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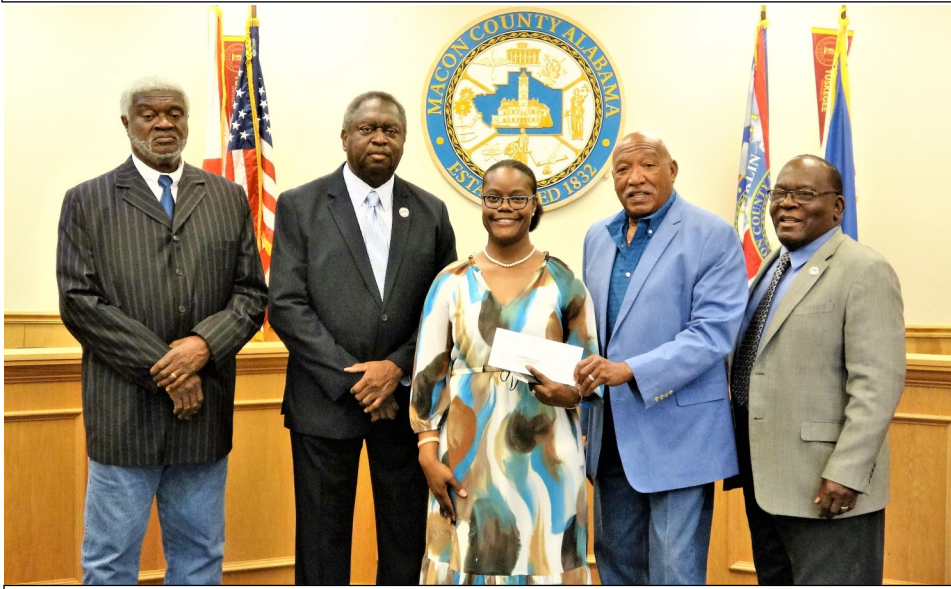
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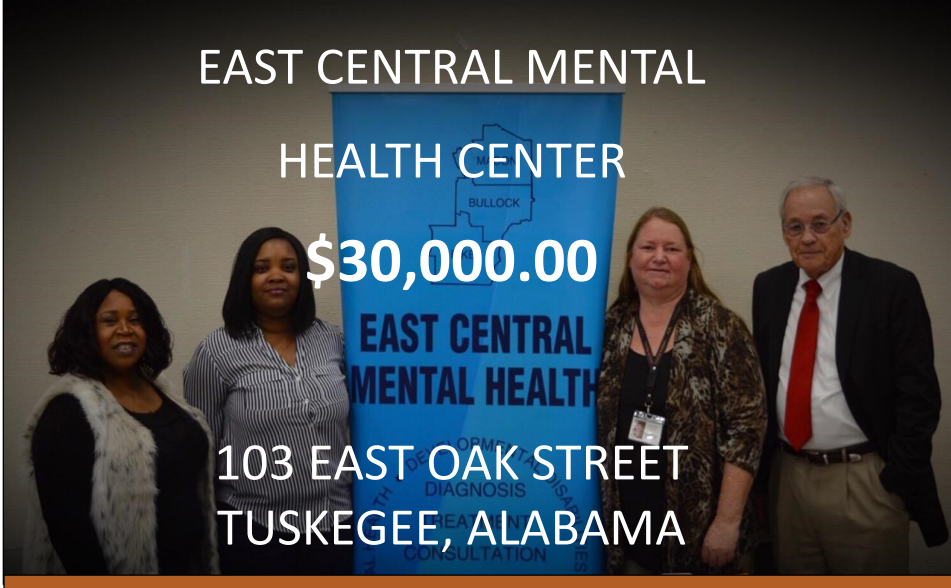
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TOTAL: \$195,000.00

MCCPTF IS CONCERNED WITH METHODS AND MANNER THAT MACON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ARE USING TO ADMINISTER, REPORT AND DISTRIBUTE FEDERAL AND STATE COVID-19 RECOVERY FUNDS!

By Leon E. "Chief" Frazier

SPECIAL NOTE: The Macon County Commission is slated to receive more than \$5,509,497.00 in COVID-19 Recovery funds from the America Rescue Plan Act of 2021, and other sources! MCCPTF will follow those dollars!

The Coronavirus Pandemic is undoubtedly the most devastating natural disaster that Macon County has ever experienced. It stripped parents of reasonable explanations for their children when they asked questions about the negative effects that were being experienced around the world. Parents could not adequately answer their children's questions because they, too, were ignorant of the circumstances, discombobulated, and afraid. Simply stated, we were thrown into a total state of confusion.

Surprisingly, the Pandemic triggered a "need for unity" among many individuals, groups, organizations and public agencies in Macon County, including Tuskegee University. The group that is now known as the Macon County Community Partners Task Force (MCCPTF) joined hands and put their heads together in early 2020, and began the tasks of research and data collection, developing and operating COVID-19 Vaccine and testing clinics, public education, and learning about virus prevention strategies. The bond within this group was no less than spiritual in nature! The Task Force began with TM46, which was created after the failed T-100 Project attempt.

In line with its responsibilities, MCCPTF has a need to know every penny of COVID-19 related funds that are/have been received, how they are managed, and how they are spent.

MCCPTF members (Dr. Lucenia W. Dunn, Rev. Katrina Love, Councilwoman Norma M. Jackson, and Leon E. "Chief" Frazier held a meeting with Commission Chairman Louis Maxwell on April 18, 2022 and presented the following ten questions. His responses on April 21, to each question are indicated below.

Question #1: What amount of COVID-19 Recovery money has been received by Macon County to date? **Response: Macon County received \$1,754,748.50 dollars on June 22, 2021.**

Question #2: How much MORE COVID-19 Recovery money is expected in the future, and WHEN? **Response: Macon County expects to receive \$1,754,748.50 on or about May 15, 2022.**

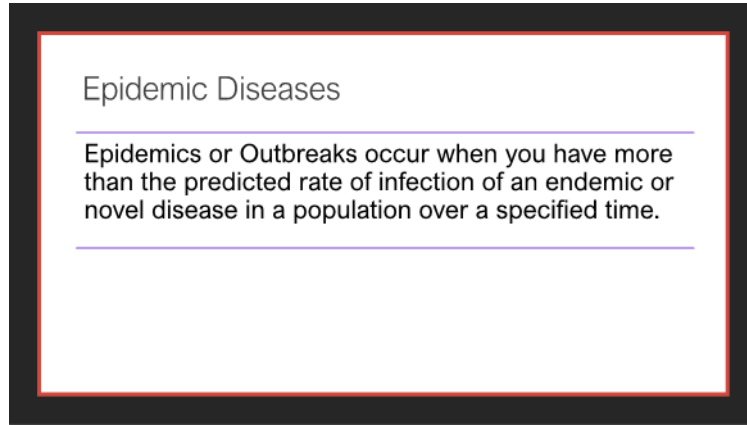
Question #3: How much COVID-19 Recovery money will be allocated to community organizations as compared to the amount that will be used for inter-governmental affairs? **Response: Macon County has allocated \$300,000 for Community Grants.**

Question #4: In which financial institution is the COVID-19 Recovery money deposited? **Response: All funds are received and maintained at the Tuskegee Liberty Bank.**

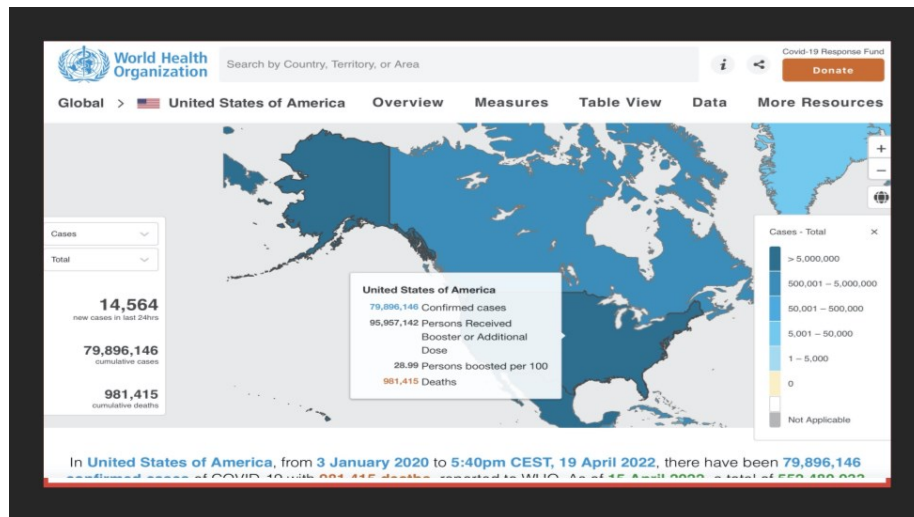
Question #5: What are the Macon County limitations on how local COVID-19 Recovery money can be used? **Response: The county must (and has) declared a Revenue Loss of less than \$10 million, and the county can use the funds as directed by the Macon County Commission.**

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Once a disease is considered endemic, trends are still monitored to detect outbreaks or epidemics as they occur. Each year we experience an outbreak of new influenza cases which normally occurs during the Fall and Winter months in the United States. Which underscores the fact that endemic diseases still cause significant illness and death especially among vulnerable populations.



The CDC now uses hospitalization data to monitor community spread and provide recommendations regarding mitigation based upon this one data point, the WHO continues to track new COVID-19 cases and deaths from COVID-19. The following charts were taken from WHO's COVID-19 tracker website on April 19, 2022. These data are reported to WHO from the CDC and show that there were 14,564 new cases the previous 24 hours and 2,920 deaths from COVID-19 in the United States in the seven days prior to April 19, 2022.



Name	Cases - cumulative total	Cases - newly reported in last 7 days	Deaths - cumulative total	Deaths - newly reported in last 7 days	Total vaccine doses administered per 100 population	Persons fully vaccinated with last dose of primary series	Persons Boosted per 100 population
Global	503,131,834	4,979,698	6,200,571	16,178	145.28	58.75	20.06
+ By WHO Region							
+ By World Bank Income Group							
United States of America	79,896,146	241,491	981,415	2,920	166.91	64.48	28.99
India	43,045,527	8,599	521,966	256	134.82	60.96	1.79

WHO & CDC SPEAKS

The World Health Organization (WHO) and the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention have both started to release messages indicating that the COVID-19 pandemic is moving towards the endemic phase. In public health when a disease is considered endemic an emergency status is no longer recognized. Further evidence of the change in posture from pandemic to endemic is the access to free testing and treatments through your private or employer sponsored insurance programs will be limited with most having to pay for access to these mitigation tools.



Endemic- disease with a constant predictable (expected) rate of new cases over a specified time.

Geographic location is also a key factor. For example, the expected number of infections caused by mosquito bites are higher in the southern states than in the northern states due to breeding and life span of mosquitos in the warmer climates.

Although policy shifts will continue to occur, the scientific evidence remains consistent. If you are concerned about catching COVID-19 or passing it to someone you love with an underlying health condition, continue to wear your mask when in public spaces.

Crystal M. James, JD, MPH
 Special Assistant to the President for COVID-19 Recovery
 Interim VP External Affairs & General Counsel
 Tuskegee University



The City of Tuskegee’s Advancing Health Literacy (AHL) Grant aims to identify and implement practical, evidence-based, and culturally appropriate health literacy strategies planned and explicitly designed for eight cities and towns—Tuskegee, Gordonville, Hayneville, Mosses, Orrville, Selma, Union Springs, White Hall, and Yellow Bluff—in five Alabama Black Belt counties—Bullock, Dallas, Lowndes, Macon, and Wilcox.

The Advancing Health Literacy Grant partners are the Tuskegee University National Center for Bioethics in Research and Health Care and the College of Veterinary Medicine Department of Graduate Public Health; Alabama Conference of Black Mayors; Macon County Health Care Authority; Tuskegee Area Health Education Center; and the Tuskegee University Cooperative Extension Program.

To learn more about the Grant Project, the City invites you to visit its Advancing Health Literacy Grant Website at: <https://tuskegeeahlgrant.com/home/>.

Also, follow the Grant’s social media pages:

Facebook: Tuskegee Advancing Health Literacy Grant: <https://www.facebook.com/tuskegeeahlgrant>

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Question #6: What are the various deadlines for spending COVID-19 Recovery funds? **Response: The spending deadline is September 30, 2024, unless extended (estimated).**

Question #7: What happened to the idea articulated by the Chairman early in the process that community funding would be managed by the Macon County Health Care Authority? **Response: This suggestion was for the use of CARES Funds and it related to those entices that applied. This was done by the Macon County Healthcare Authority.**

Question #8: Who decides which organizations qualify for COVID-19 Recovery funding, and why were the recent recipients awarded COVID-19 relief monies while others who have been more involved in the battle against the virus were not? **Response: The Macon County Commission engaged a qualified consultant to review all requests and determine their compliance with the regulations. The consultant reports to the Commission and the Commission decides on the amount of funding.**

Question #9: What are the criteria for qualifying for funding, and what is the application process? **Response: The criterion for applying is a completed application that must be sent to the Chairman’s Office for review by the consultant, who then provides a report to the Commission on the applicant’s compliance with the guidelines.**

Question #10: What roles, if any, will Macon County citizens have in the allocation and spending of COVID-19 Recovery money? **Response: Any citizen can provide input to the Commission by attending its meetings. At each meeting the public will be recognized and given an opportunity to present any issue. It is assumed that each citizen knows and communicates their comments and desires to their District Commissioner, who is assumed to vote with their constituents’ concerns considered.**

MCCPTF members were pleased that the Chairman met with them and paid attention to their concerns and they left him with the clear understanding that they were very displeased with the premature and inadequate announcement of a shutoff date for community proposals and/or applications for COVID-19 Recovery Funds. Chairman Maxwell said that the decision to extend the cutoff date would have to be made by the full Commission. MCCPTF urge the Commission to establish a new deadline, make the public MORE aware of the application PROCESS through the social media and community meetings, to ensure that monies are allocated legitimately!

“IGNORANCE OF THE LAW IS NO EXCUSE!”

So, let’s learn some laws!

Comments from the Sheriff:

STALKING:

Alabama Code Title 13A: Criminal Code, Chapter 6: Offenses Involving Danger to the Person, Article 5: Stalking and Aggravated Stalking:

Alabama prohibits stalking anyone. The four criminal stalking laws are:

- Stalking in the First Degree – Intentionally and repeatedly following or **harassing** another person, and making an expressed or implied threat to put that person in reasonable fear of death or serious physical harm.
- Stalking in the Second Degree - Intentionally and repeatedly following, harassing, or verbally or electronically communicating with another person or that person's family or friends with an improper purpose, causing mental or emotional harm to the victim or putting him or her in reasonable fear that his or her career is threatened, and the defendant was previously told to stop.
- Aggravated Stalking in the First Degree – Stalking in the first degree which is also a violation of any court order or injunction, such as a **protection order**.

Aggravated Stalking in the Second Degree – Stalking in the second degree which also constitutes a court order or injunction violation.

Crimes in Alabama are divided by felony and misdemeanor categories and three classes in each category ranging from A to C, with A being the highest or crimes deserving the most punishment. Each class has a set sentencing range and the circumstances will dictate where along the range the court will decide to sentence a defendant.

- The penalties for the stalking laws above are: **Stalking in the First Degree is a Class C felony** that can be punished by between 1 and 10 years in prison and up to a \$15,000 fine.
- **Stalking in the Second Degree is a Class B misdemeanor** that’s penalized by not more than six months in jail and a \$3,000 fine.
- **Aggravated Stalking in the First Degree is a Class B felony** that is subject to 2-20 years in prison and at most a \$30,000 fine.

Aggravated Stalking in the Second Degree is a Class C felony punished the same as Stalking in the First Degree.

Macon County, AL Sheriff Andre’ Brunson



AUBURN ANNUAL RODEO DRAWS THOUSANDS

The 2022 Auburn Rodeo was held on Highway 80 in Macon County and drew thousands of cowboys and concert goers on April 23. Pictured above is a cowboy riding his bucking horse, while hundreds cheer. It is not clear if the bystanders were cheering for the cowboy to hang on, or for the horse to buck him off, but either way they were having big fun in the process. This report is relevant because Sheriff Andre' Brunson, and his troops partnered with all other law enforcement agencies in the county that provides primary security for the event. A private security team also assists with security. The Rodeo and Concert went off without any major incidents.



TUSKEGEE MACON COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & ARTS CONSORTIUM HOLDS LITERARY EXPLOSION EVENT ON CITY SQUARE

The Tuskegee City Square came to life on Saturday, April 23, 2022, with participants coming from as far away as Columbus, Georgia and York, Alabama. York Mayor Willie Lake joined the festivities to determine if such an event would be feasible to create for his community. The events were kicked off with a parade featuring a group of very impressive youth, followed by music by DJ Skegee, art by Jah Jah and many other artists, dance teams, publishers, quilt making, reading to the youth sessions, Choo Choo train rides, and jumpy houses. In addition to all of these fun activities, participants had access to food and ice cream trucks. Mayor Lawrence "Tony" Haygood was extremely pleased with the public turnout and expressed great appreciation to all participants, especially our police personnel, sororities and fraternities, churches, and other community groups. Even more significant were the organizations and agencies that provided COVID-19 testing and vaccinations, with special thanks to Tuskegee University. Members of the local NAACP were on the scene registering voters and encouraging people to go to the polls on Election Day. The event was sponsored by the Tuskegee Macon County Development & Arts Consortium. Finally, God gets the glory for the excellent weather conditions!



Macon Means

Macon County Food Distributors Round Table

May 2022

Free Food

Distribution Schedule



S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
			11:00 Helping Hand Ministry Prairie Farms Center 45 Tysonville Rd Rev. A. Williams	11 Bowen UMC 2107 W Mtg Road Senior's Food		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<i>Mother's Day</i>			11:00 Helping Hand Ministry Chisholm Com Center 33031 CR 69 Rev. A. Williams			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		9 Macon Co Food Pantry Daly St Last Names H to O	9:30 AKN 4771 Hwy 199 11:00 Helping H Mt Nebo Baptist 7677 US 29 S Rev. A. Williams	11 Bowen UMC 2107 W Mtg Rd Senior's Food	Children's Food Distr. Brownville, Notasulga, Shorter, Tuskegee Warrior/Cotton V	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	12 Macon Food Distributors Roundtable Zoom Meeting		11:00 Helping Hand Ministry District 4 Center 1220 CR 27 Tuskegee Rev. A Williams	11 Bowen UMC 2107 W Mtg Road Seniors Food		
29	30	31				



The Macon Food Hotline: (334) 724-2550

DO YOU NEED FOOD ASSISTANCE?

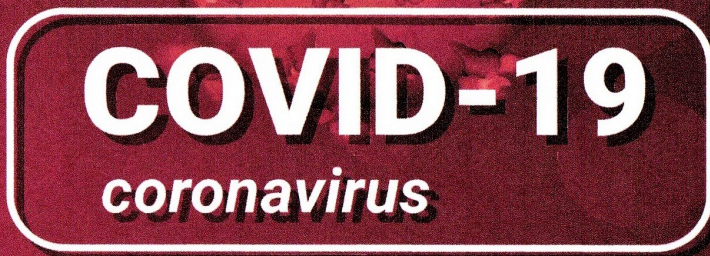
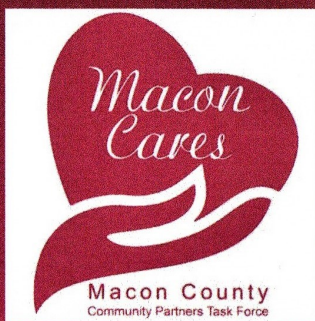
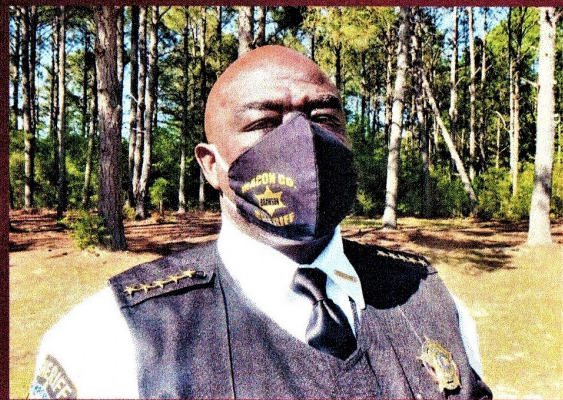
If your answer is yes, there is no reason to go hungry! Just show up at the above listed sites, on the specified dates and Macon Means and associated partners will be there to assist those of you who need assistance. This is about people helping people!

PLEASE CALL THE ABOVE LISTED TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR INSTRUCTIONS.

"DON'T DROP THE BALL!"

"Wear Your Mask To Protect Yourself & Others!"

www.maconcares.org



“Do not be misled by the noise or rhetoric about the need to wear a mask when in close proximity with individuals or crowds where masks are not being worn!”



GET FOOD

GET NEWS

GET TESTED

GET HELP

GET FACTS

GET SUPPLIES

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MACON CARES

COMMUNITY ALERT!

U. S. SPANISH FLU PANDEMIC: 1918-19
DEATHS: 675,000

COVID-19 DEATHS in U. S.—2020-2021
CASES: 80,952,268 DEATHS: 991,169

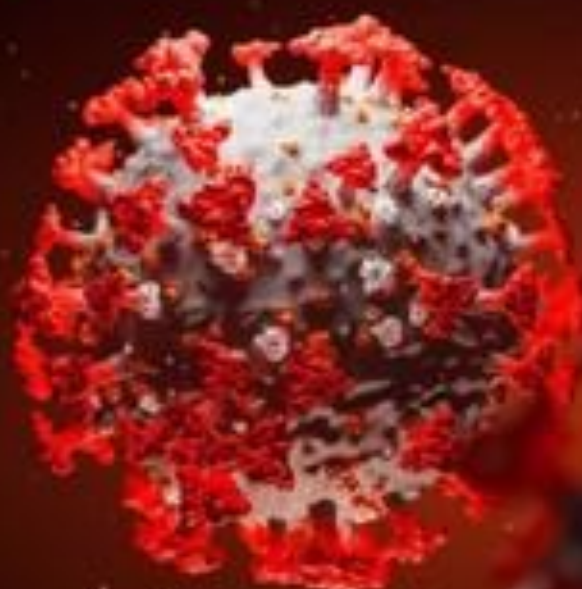
ALABAMA COVID-19 UPDATE
As of April 26, 2022

CASES: 1,299,816 DEATHS: 19,545

MACON COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE
CASES: 3,865 DEATHS: 84

THE FACE OF HUMAN ENEMY #1!

The Enemy that reminds us of God's Goodness!
PLEASE PAY ATTENTION & "DON'T DROP THE BALL" ON HEALTH & SAFETY!



The Macon County Community Partners Task Force created this publication following the devastating impact of the Coronavirus Pandemic. Task Force members pondered the best ways to alert and educate county residents of the best health related methods of protecting themselves from catching COVID-19; as well as how to socialize safely and eat better to strengthen their immune systems to protect against the virus. Weekly Zoom Meetings, a website, and Newspaper were determined to be the best methods of reminding county residents that COVID-19 will be with us for an undetermined time and encourage people not to "drop the ball" on safety, cleanliness and socialization habits. This **FREE** Health Newspaper is managed by the Macon County Health Care Authority, Inc. and published by L & B Consultant Services, Leon E. "Chief" Frazier, President, and Diane Kenney, Editor. The Task Force presented funding requests to the City of Tuskegee, Macon County Commission, Community Outreach Organizations; as well as county residents who care about the situation in their communities. You can support this newspaper by sending donation, ads, or articles for publication to: Macon County Health Authority, P. O. Box 830214, Tuskegee, AL 36083. Email: maconhealthauthority@gmail.com Publisher's Telephone: 334-492-4047.