



The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians

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ANNOUNCING ELEVEN (11) NEW COVID-19 CASES, BOOSTER SHOTS, 8 BREAKTHROUGH CASES

August 26, 2021

- **The GTB Health Department is reporting eleven (11) new positive COVID-19 cases from August 23rd through August 25th.** The local health departments for Grand Traverse and Antrim County were notified as the county of residence and are in the process of completing a case investigation. If you've been identified as a close contact (**someone who has been within 6 feet of an infected person (laboratory confirmed or a clinically compatible illness) for a cumulative of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period. An infected person can spread the virus that causes COVID-19 starting from 2 days before they have any symptoms or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days before the positive specimen collection date)** during the course of the case investigation, please expect to receive a call or text from the local health department or the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. **It is critically important you respond to the call or text in order to protect the community from further spread.**
- **The GTB Health Department is taking steps to offer booster shots starting September 20, 2021 to those who received their second dose of either the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine at least 8 months prior.** The CDC and ACIP has not officially approved booster doses for the general population at this time. The GTB Health Department is anticipating approval of the booster dose and will plan to offer booster doses in the week of September 20, 2021. Starting next week (week of August 30, 2021), the GTB Health Department will begin calling those who received their 2nd dose of COVID19 vaccine in January 2021 to schedule in the last week of September and continue on a weekly basis based on 2nd dose dates. No one is due for a booster at this time based on the 8 month timeline. If you have any questions or need to schedule a booster from a vaccine you received elsewhere, please call our COVID19 Vaccine Line at (231)534-7475.

The GTB Health Department has administered 3,890 doses, including 2,046 first doses, 1,844 second doses, 2,221 Moderna doses, 1,641 Pfizer doses, and 28 Johnson & Johnson doses.

Currently, 59% of GTB tribal members age 12 and over and 82% of GTB elders age 55 and over in the 6-county service area are vaccinated. Also, specifically for GTB tribal members 12 to 17 year of age, 56% in the 6-county service area have received at least one shot with 52% fully vaccinated. Overall, 41% of GTB tribal members 12 to 17 years of age have received at least one shot with 37% fully vaccinated.



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- Below is summary information for 194 cumulative positive cases to-date tested at the GTB Health Department:

- 32 cases since August 1, 2021.
- 1 case in the week of August 2, 2021.
- 9 cases in the week of August 9, 2021.
- 11 cases in the week of August 16, 2021.
- 11 cases in the week of August 23, 2021.
- Average age of cases in August 2021 is 23.3 years old compared to 35.1 prior to August 2021.
- 8 breakthrough case in August 2021 as follows:

	Asymptomatic	Symptomatic
Pfizer		2
Moderna	2	3
Johnson & Johnson		1
Total Cases	2	6

By Age

- 0-20 – 62 cases
- 20-29 yrs – 35 cases
- 30-39 yrs – 33 cases
- 40-49 yrs – 20 case
- 50-59 yrs – 21 cases
- 60-69 yrs – 15 cases
- 70-79 yrs – 4 cases
- 80-89 yrs – 3 cases
- >89 yrs – 1 case

By County

- Leelanau – 79
- Benzie – 4
- Grand Traverse – 80
- Kalkaska – 4



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- Manistee – 2
- Charlevoix – 7
- Antrim -17
- Ingham – 1

***There are more active cases in the community that were tested at other facilities that are not included in this tally.

- **COVID-19 vaccines for moderately to severely immunocompromised people.** Currently, CDC is recommending that moderately to severely immunocompromised people receive an additional dose. This includes people who have:
 - Been receiving active cancer treatment for tumors or cancers of the blood
 - Received an organ transplant and are taking medicine to suppress the immune system
 - Received a stem cell transplant with the last 2 years or are taking medicine to suppress the immune system
 - Moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency (such as DiGeorge syndrome, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome)
 - Advanced or untreated HIV infection
 - Active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids or other drugs that may suppress your immune response.

Please contact the GTB Health Department to schedule your additional dose (231-534-7475). Also, please talk with your GTB medical provider (231-534-7200) or your health provider about getting an additional dose for your particular medical condition.

Please note, the GTB Health Department tests tribal members and families, government employees, government entities, and essential support groups to GTB when possible.

Respectfully,

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