



The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians

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ANNOUNCING TWO (2) NEW COVID-19 CASES, NOW SCHEDULING COVID-19 VACCINATIONS FOR CHILDREN AGES 5 TO <12, UPDATED INFORMATION ON BOOSTER SHOTS.

October 29, 2021

- **The GTB Health Department is reporting two (2) new positive COVID-19 cases from October 26th and October 27th.** The local health department for Grand Traverse county was notified as the county of residence and is in the process of completing case investigations. 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.**
- **IMPORTANT: The GTB Health Department is currently scheduling COVID-19 vaccinations for children ages 5 to <12 starting with the first clinic on November 5th at Strongheart.** The GTB Health Department is anticipating receiving the Pfizer pediatric formulation in the week of November 1st. Thus, appointments are being scheduled for a pediatric vaccination clinic to be held at Strongheart on November 5th. After school hours will be offered in order to vaccinate as many eligible children as possible. Please note, although CDC approval is anticipated in the week of November 1st, the GTB Health Department must wait till CDC's final approval before any vaccinations can be administered.

Please contact the GTB COVID-19 Vaccination Line (231-534-7475) if you would like to schedule a pediatric vaccination or for any questions you may have. Additionally, the GTB Health Department has started reaching out to families of registered patients eligible for the pediatric COVID-19 vaccine.

- **IMPORTANT: The GTB Health Department is now administering booster shots.**

If you received a Pfizer BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, you are eligible for a booster if you are among the groups noted below and at least 6 months after your second shot:

- 65 years or older;
- Age 18+ who live in long-term care settings;
- Age 18+ who have underlying medical conditions;
- Age 18+ who work or live in high-risk settings.



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If you received a Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine, you are eligible for a booster if you are 18 years or older and at least 2 months after your shot.

You may choose which COVID-19 vaccine you receive as a booster shot. Some people may have a preference for the vaccine type that they originally received, and others may prefer to get a different booster. CDC recommendations now allow for this type of mix and match dosing for booster shots.

Please contact the GTB COVID-19 Vaccination Line (231-534-7475) if you would like to schedule a booster shot, for questions you may have on selecting a booster shot, or other questions. Additionally, the GTB Health Department has started reaching out to registered patients eligible for the booster dose.

The GTB Health Department has now administered 4,027 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.

- **Below is summary information for the 241 cumulative positive cases to-date tested at the GTB Health Department:**
 - 79 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.
 - 13 cases in the week of August 23, 2021.
 - 9 cases in the week of August 30, 2021.
 - 3 cases in the week of September 6, 2021.
 - 7 cases in the week of September 13, 2021.
 - 7 cases in the week of September 20, 2021.
 - 2 cases in the week of September 27, 2021.
 - 6 cases in the week of October 4, 2021.
 - 4 cases in the week of October 11, 2021.
 - 5 cases in the week of October 18, 2021.
 - 2 cases in the week of October 25, 2021.



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- Average age of cases since August 1, 2021 is 29.4 years old compared to 35.1 prior to August 2021.

25 breakthrough cases to date as follows:

	Asymptomatic	Symptomatic
Pfizer	1	7
Moderna	4	11
Johnson & Johnson	1	1
Total Cases	6	19

By Age

- 0-20 – 70 cases
- 20-29 yrs – 47 cases
- 30-39 yrs – 44 cases
- 40-49 yrs – 27 case
- 50-59 yrs – 26 cases
- 60-69 yrs – 18 cases
- 70-79 yrs – 4 cases
- 80-89 yrs – 4 cases
- >89 yrs – 1 case

By County

- Leelanau – 92
- Benzie – 7
- Grand Traverse – 108
- Kalkaska – 4
- Manistee – 2
- Charlevoix – 8
- Antrim -19
- Ingham – 1

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



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If you would like to get tested for COVID-19, please call the clinic at (231)-534-7200 to get on the daily testing schedule. We ask that all individuals tested appear on the testing schedule. 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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