



# The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians

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## **ANNOUNCING ZERO (0) NEW COVID-19 CASES, FREE PULSE OXIMETERS, 2<sup>nd</sup> BOOSTERS NOW BEING SCHEDULED, FREE AT-HOME TESTS, KN95 MASKS, and N95 MASKS.**

April 4, 2022

- **The GTB Health Department is reporting zero (0) new positive COVID-19 case through April 1, 2022.** Our most recent 7-day positivity rate was 0% (compared to 4.4% for the State of Michigan). Please continue to take measures to reduce spread including vaccination, staying home when ill, and seeking testing if symptomatic or exposed. Currently, all GTB service areas are in low or medium community level risk. You can check your COVID-19 community level at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html>.
- **The GTB Health Department will begin distributing free pulse oximeters to GTB tribal members on a first come, first serve basis, as supplies last.** Please contact the clinic (231-534-7200) or your nearest CHR (please see CHR contact information below) to request your unit. A pulse oximeter is a small device that clips on your finger and measures your blood oxygen levels.
- **We continue to closely monitor the spread of Omicron BA.2 in Michigan.** Many countries in Europe are experiencing a surge partly attributed to the BA.2 lineage of Omicron. In the U.S., BA.2 accounts for a growing proportion of infections, now rising to almost 55% of new cases. The BA.2 subvariant is estimated to be 30 to 50 percent more contagious than the previous version of Omicron, BA.1. Michigan is seeing an increase of BA.2 cases with the limited number of specimens being sequenced. Since February 15, there have been 217 Omicron BA.2 specimens identified from 33 counties and City of Detroit.
- **Please call the COVID-19 Vaccination Line (231-534-7475) to get scheduled for a booster shot, vaccination, or for any questions.** Clinics are being scheduled. Upcoming dates include:

-Medicine Lodge: Every Wednesday starting April 6<sup>th</sup>, 9am to 4pm.

-Charlevoix: April 12<sup>th</sup>

-Traverse City: April 19<sup>th</sup> (Turtle Creek or 3 Mile Office)

-Benzie: April 26<sup>th</sup>

The GTB Health Department has now administered 5,140 doses. Currently, 65% of GTB tribal members age 12 and over, 82% of GTB elders age 55 and over, and 19% of GTB tribal members age 5 to 11 years in the 6-county service area are vaccinated. 35% of GTB tribal members age 12 and over in the 6-county service area are boosted. 64% of GTB elders in the 6-county service area are boosted.



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- A reminder that GTB is providing free COVID-19 testing supplies, pulse oximeters, KN95 and N95 masks (while supplies last).
  - Please call the clinic at (231) 534-7200 to make a request, or
  - Nearest CHR:
    - Saija McClellan, Charlevoix, (231) 534-7062
    - Elizabeth Elliott, Benzie (231) 534-7826
    - Ranee Compo, Traverse City (231) 534-7772
    - Tamra Newton, Peshawbestown (231) 534-7205
  - Or, tribal satellite office:
    - GTB Administration, (231) 534-7000
    - Benzie Office, (231) 534-7820
    - Charlevoix Office, (231) 534-7060
    - Traverse City Office, (231) 534-7760
- Below is summary information for the 454 cumulative positive cases to-date tested at the GTB Health Department:

By Age	CY2021	CY2021 %	CY2022	CY2022%
0-20 years	97	29%	32	27%
20-29 years	61	18%	18	15%
30-39 years	60	18%	23	19%
40-49 years	47	14%	17	14%
50-59 years	34	10%	13	11%
60-69 years	24	7%	8	7%
70-79 years	6	2%	8	7%
80-89 years	4	1%	1	1%
>89 years	1	0%	0	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>100%</b>

## By County

- Leelanau – 218
- Benzie – 15
- Grand Traverse – 174
- Kalkaska – 7



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- Manistee – 4
- Charlevoix – 9
- Antrim -21
- Ingham – 1
- Isabella -3
- Wexford -1
- Out of State – 1

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

**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. Our test times are currently 8:15am and 1:15pm. 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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