



The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians

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ANNOUNCING FOUR (4) NEW COVID-19 CASES, BOOSTER SHOTS, 12 BREAKTHROUGH CASES

September 15, 2021

- **The GTB Health Department is reporting four (4) new positive COVID-19 cases from September 7th through September 13th.** The local health departments for Grand Traverse and Benzie 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 has started calling those who received their 2nd dose of COVID-19 vaccine in January 2021 to schedule a booster shot. However, please note that booster doses cannot be administered without proper approval from FDA, ACIP, and CDC.** We are following the approval process and individuals will be contacted with a reschedule date accordingly. Please note there is a FDA meeting scheduled for September 17th to discuss Pfizer's application for a booster dose for individuals age 16 and over. Moderna submitted their booster data to the FDA but a date for formal review has not been set. Booster dose data has not been submitted by Johnson and Johnson for FDA review. Please do not hesitate to contact the GTB COVID-19 Vaccination Line (231-534-7475) with questions.

The GTB Health Department has administered 3,928 doses, including 2,078 first doses, 1,850 second doses, 2,235 Moderna doses, 1,665 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 the 209 cumulative positive cases to-date tested at the GTB Health Department:

- 47 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.
- 4 cases thus far in the week of September 6, 2021.
- Average age of cases in August 2021 is 26.2 years old compared to 35.1 prior to August 2021.
- 12 breakthrough cases to date as follows:

	Asymptomatic	Symptomatic
Pfizer		3
Moderna	4	3
Johnson & Johnson	1	1
Total Cases	5	7

By Age

- 0-20 – 63 cases
- 20-29 yrs – 42 cases
- 30-39 yrs – 35 cases
- 40-49 yrs – 23 case
- 50-59 yrs – 22 cases
- 60-69 yrs – 16 cases
- 70-79 yrs – 4 cases
- 80-89 yrs – 3 cases
- >89 yrs – 1 case



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By County

- Leelanau – 80
- Benzie – 5
- Grand Traverse – 92
- Kalkaska – 4
- Manistee – 2
- Charlevoix – 8
- 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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