



# The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians

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## **ANNOUNCING THIRTEEN (13) NEW COVID-19 CASES, AT-HOME COVID-19 TESTS, FLU SHOT CLINIC DATES.**

November 17, 2021

- **The GTB Health Department is reporting thirteen (13) new positive COVID-19 cases from November 8<sup>th</sup> through November 16<sup>th</sup>.** The local health departments for Grand Traverse and Leelanau county were notified as the county of residence. We are continuing to see an increase in cases in Leelanau and surrounding counties. Please continue to take measures to reduce spread including vaccination, wearing face masks, avoiding crowded or poorly ventilated settings, staying home when ill, seeking testing if symptomatic or exposed, and frequent handwashing.

**Due to the increase in cases, the GTB Health Department will resume pre-appointment testing for all in-person appointments. Also, if you would like to obtain an at-home COVID-19 test kit, please call 231-534-7200 to make a request. You can use at-home testing to reduce the risk of spreading the virus during this holiday season and celebrate safely.**

- **During the holidays, the GTB Health Department will hold its drive-through flu-shot clinics on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, December 21<sup>st</sup> and December 28<sup>th</sup> from 2pm to 4pm at the Medicine Lodge.** For all other dates, the drive-through flu-shot clinics will continue on Thursdays from 2pm to 4pm at the Medicine Lodge, as usual.
- **\*\*\*IMPORTANT: The GTB Health Department is continuing to schedule vaccination clinics for booster shots and children ages 5 to 11.** After school hours will be offered in order to vaccinate as many eligible children as possible.

**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.**

You may use the following links to self-schedule a booster shot or your primary doses. Alternatively, you can call the GTB COVID-19 Vaccination Line (231-534-7475).

Benzie: <https://www.solvehealth.com/book-online/0xwOwg>

Charlevoix: <https://www.solvehealth.com/book-online/gZJPYg>

Medicine Lodge: <https://www.solvehealth.com/book-online/A6dK1g>

TCC: <https://www.solvehealth.com/book-online/AWoXXA>

Strongheart: <https://www.solvehealth.com/book-online/go5QoA>



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The GTB Health Department has now administered 4,243 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 262 cumulative positive cases to-date tested at the GTB Health Department:

- 40 cases in August 2021.
- 22 cases in September 2021.
- 18 cases in October 2021.
- 20 cases thus far in November 2021.

33 breakthrough cases to date as follows:

	Asymptomatic	Symptomatic
<b>Pfizer</b>	1	12
<b>Moderna</b>	6	12
<b>Johnson &amp; Johnson</b>	1	1
<b>Total Cases</b>	8	25

By Age

- 0-20 – 76 cases
- 20-29 yrs – 51 cases
- 30-39 yrs – 46 cases
- 40-49 yrs – 33 case
- 50-59 yrs – 28 cases
- 60-69 yrs – 19 cases
- 70-79 yrs – 4 cases
- 80-89 yrs – 4 cases
- >89 yrs – 1 case



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### By County

- Leelanau – 98
- Benzie – 7
- Grand Traverse – 123
- 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.

**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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