



The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians

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ANNOUNCING SIX (6) NEW COVID-19 CASES, LATEST ON BOOSTER SHOTS, 14 BREAKTHROUGH CASES

September 20, 2021

- **The GTB Health Department is reporting six (6) new positive COVID-19 cases from September 13th through September 17th.** The local health departments for Grand Traverse and Leelanau 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.**
- **On September 17, 2021, The FDA'S Vaccine and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (VRBPAC) endorsed the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine booster dose to be administered at least 6 months after completion of the primary series for individuals 65 years of age and older, individuals at high risk of severe COVID-19, and healthcare workers or others at high risk for occupational exposure.** The FDA will review the VRBPAC recommendations and determine whether to approve boosters in these specific groups. The CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) is scheduled to meet September 22-23rd to deliberate and consider booster shot recommendations. The GTB Health Department is monitoring these developments. The GTB Health Department will contact individuals to schedule their booster shots, following approval and clinical recommendations for use. Please note, booster shots cannot be administered until FDA, ACIP, and CDC all provide approval.

The GTB Health Department has already started calling those who received their 2nd dose of COVID-19 vaccine in January 2021 to schedule a booster shot. We are following the approval process and individuals will be contacted to schedule their booster. Please note, 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 3,932 doses, including 2,079 first doses, 1,853 second doses, 2,236 Moderna doses, 1,668 Pfizer doses, and 28 Johnson & Johnson doses.



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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.

- **Below is summary information for the 215 cumulative positive cases to-date tested at the GTB Health Department:**

- 53 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.
- Average age of cases in August 2021 is 25.5 years old compared to 35.1 prior to August 2021.
- 14 breakthrough cases to date as follows:

	Asymptomatic	Symptomatic
Pfizer		3
Moderna	4	5
Johnson & Johnson	1	1
Total Cases	5	9

By Age

- 0-20 – 65 cases
- 20-29 yrs – 45 cases
- 30-39 yrs – 36 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 – 83
- Benzie – 5
- Grand Traverse – 95
- 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 within 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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