



COVID-19 OUTBREAK

COVID-19 BRIEFING - 246.1

MARCH 01, 2021

For Operational Period: February 22-28, 2021

WORLDWIDE

114,759,379 Cases

2,544,475 Deaths

UNITED STATES

29,255,365 Cases

525,778 Deaths

MICHIGAN

645,550 Cases

16,508 Deaths

OUT-WAYNE COUNTY

64,776 Cases

2,094 Deaths

SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

- An advisory panel on Friday (Feb. 26) recommended the FDA grant an emergency use authorization for Johnson & Johnson's COVID-19 vaccine, which would become the third vaccine authorized in the United States and the first to require a single shot. In a statement issued shortly after the vote, the FDA said it has told the company regulators "will rapidly work toward finalization and issuance of an emergency use authorization." The agency also said it has notified federal partners involved in vaccine distribution "so they can execute their plans for timely vaccine distribution."—**STAT**
- The United States can expect to see a total of 240 million doses of COVID-19 vaccine by the end of March. Pfizer and Moderna have pledged to make a combined total of 220 million doses available for shipment by the end of March. Meanwhile, Johnson & Johnson has pledged to make 20 million doses available in the same time frame.—**CNN Health**
- MDHHS and the [Protect Michigan Commission](#) announced details for a new program to help enhance the state's vaccine equity strategy. Michigan providers that are federally enrolled to administer COVID-19 vaccines are encouraged to apply by Monday, March 1 if they can help remove barriers for those ages 60 and up who are most vulnerable to the effects of the virus. Applicants accepted into the community outreach pilot project can request up to 2,500 doses.—**Michigan.gov**
- Several initiatives to improve access to the safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine and ensure equity when it comes to protection from the virus have been announced by MDHHS during the past couple weeks. MDHHS posted race data on the [COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard](#) to help track the effects of those efforts and to provide additional information about vaccinations in Michigan.—**Michigan.gov**
- A study out of New York University has found that those suffering from schizophrenia are three times more likely to die from COVID-19 than those without the disorder. The study of more than 7,000 psychiatric patients found that those suffering from schizophrenia were at dramatically increased risk of death from COVID.—**WXYZ Detroit**

ACTIONS TAKEN

- The Public Health Emergency Operations Center (PHOC) is at FULL ACTIVATION.

USEFUL RESOURCES

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