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COVID-19 OUTBREAK

COVID-19 BRIEFING - 222.1

DECEMBER 22, 2020

For Operational Period: December 21, 2020

WORLDWIDE

77,817,977 Cases

1,711,508 Deaths

UNITED STATES

18,473,716 Cases

326,772 Deaths

MICHIGAN

501,115 Cases

12,153 Deaths

OUT-WAYNE COUNTY

51,482 Cases

1,667 Deaths

SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

- Initial shipments of the second COVID-19 vaccine authorized in the U.S. left a distribution center Sunday (Dec. 20), a desperately needed boost as the nation works to bring the coronavirus pandemic under control. The trucks left the factory in the Memphis area with the vaccine developed by Moderna Inc. and the National Institutes of Health. The much-needed shots are expected to be given starting early this week, just three days after the FDA authorized their emergency rollout.—**CBS News**
- The United Kingdom has identified a new, potentially more contagious coronavirus variant linked to a recent surge in cases in England. The new variant is being called VUI-202012/01 -- the first "Variant Under Investigation" in the UK in December 2020. As with other new variants or strains of COVID-19, this one carries a genetic fingerprint that makes it easy to track, and it happens to be one that is now common. The UK government's New and Emerging Respiratory Virus Threats Advisory Group said it had "moderate confidence" that this new variant "demonstrates a substantial increase in transmissibility compared to other variants."—**CNN**
- With the COVID-19 pandemic surging during the holiday season, the State of Michigan reminds residents that there are resources available for households worried about paying their energy bills. Governor Whitmer, the Michigan Public Service Commission and the MDHHS join together to emphasize the availability of flexible payment plans and financial assistance for households struggling to pay bills for electricity and home heating now and after the holidays.—**Michigan.gov**

ACTIONS TAKEN

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

USEFUL RESOURCES

[Holiday Safety](#)

[Find a Testing Site Near You](#)

[Return to School Roadmap](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Wayne County](#)

[Michigan.gov/coronavirus](#)

[Small Business Best Practices](#)

[MDHHS Epidemic Orders](#)

[COVID-19 Educational Materials](#)

[Prevent Flu](#)

Disaster Distress Helpline: 1-800-985-5990

National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233 and TTY 1-800-787-3224

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