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COVID-19 OUTBREAK

COVID-19 BRIEFING - 224.1

JANUARY 05, 2021

For Operational Period: January 04, 2021

WORLDWIDE

86,202,973 Cases

1,863,248 Deaths

UNITED STATES

21,353,051 Cases

362,123 Deaths

MICHIGAN

543,611 Cases

13,391 Deaths

OUT-WAYNE COUNTY

55,521 Cases

1,787 Deaths

SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

- The US government is considering giving just half-doses of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine to help accelerate the unexpectedly slow rollout, the program's chief science adviser revealed. Dr. Moncef Slaoui of the Operation Warp Speed vaccine response stated that his team is keen on administering half doses to double the available supply. "We know that for the Moderna vaccine, giving half of the dose to people between the ages of 18 and 55 ... induces identical immune response," he said.—**New York Post**
- India has formally approved the emergency use of two coronavirus vaccines as it prepares for one of the world's biggest inoculation drives. The drugs regulatory authority gave the green light to the vaccinations developed by AstraZeneca with Oxford University and by local firm Bharat Biotech. India plans to inoculate some 300 million people on a priority list this year.—**BBC News**
- A more contagious COVID-19 variant first identified in the United Kingdom continues to crop up across the U.S. and around the globe, threatening to further strain overburdened health care systems just as vaccines are rolling out worldwide. At least three U.S. states and 33 countries have identified the new variant, known as B.1.1.7. Several nations have also identified an additional variant, first identified in South Africa, that also appears to infect people more easily.—**USA Today**
- U.S. air travel hit its highest level on Saturday (Jan. 2) since mid-March, raising fears that the spike in holiday travel will result in another surge in COVID-19 cases and deaths in upcoming weeks. Dr. Anthony Fauci that the pandemic could likely get worse in the next couple weeks as the U.S. experiences a delayed impact of post-Christmas holiday travel.—**CNBC**

ACTIONS TAKEN

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

USEFUL RESOURCES

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[Return to School Roadmap](#)

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[Wayne County](#)

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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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