



COVID-19 OUTBREAK

COVID-19 BRIEFING - 272.1

AUGUST 30, 2021

For Operational Period: August 23—August 29, 2021

WORLDWIDE

217,359,913 Cases

4,517,926 Deaths

UNITED STATES

39,665,515 Cases

654,689 Deaths

MICHIGAN

1,054,709 Cases

21,520 Deaths

OUT-WAYNE COUNTY

108,297 Cases

2,592 Deaths

SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

- On Monday, August 23rd, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced that they had approved the first COVID-19 vaccine for individuals ages 16 and up. The vaccine, known throughout the pandemic as Pfizer BioNTech, will now go by the name Comirnaty. The vaccine will continue to be available under emergency use authorization (EUA), including for individuals 12 through 15 years of age and for the administration of a third dose in certain immunocompromised individuals. "While millions of people have already safely received COVID-19 vaccines, we recognize that for some, the FDA approval of a vaccine may now instill additional confidence to get vaccinated," stated Acting FDA Commissioner Janet Woodcock. —[FDA.gov](https://www.fda.gov)
- Several Michigan counties have issued mask mandates for schools, including Kent, Ottawa, Allegan, Kalamazoo, Genesee, and Oakland. Roughly 46% of all public school students in Michigan are now required to wear masks while in school. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services had previously released an official recommendation regarding mask wearing in schools—a press release on August 13th advised that all schools adopt policies to "require universal masking for students, staff and visitors regardless of community transmission rate or vaccination status." —[Click on Detroit, Michigan.gov](https://www.clickondetroit.com), [Bridge Michigan](https://www.bridge-michigan.com)
- With more than 100,000 people currently hospitalized with COVID-19 in the United States, experts are saying this August is worst than last. Hospitalization rates are nearly double what they were at the same time last year with the vast majority of hospitalized patients being unvaccinated. Researchers say the surge has been driven in large part by the Delta variant. —[CNN Health](https://www.cnn.com)
- The White House expressed disappointment with the Supreme Court's decision on Thursday to end the Biden administration's pandemic-related federal moratorium on evictions, and urged states, cities, and landlords and others to do what they could to help. The CDC moratorium, which would have run until October 3rd of this year, made evicting clients for failing to pay rent harder for landlords. —[Reuters](https://www.reuters.com)

ACTIONS TAKEN

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

USEFUL RESOURCES

[MI COVID Alert](#)

[Find a Testing Site Near You](#)

[Return to School Roadmap](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Wayne County](#)

[Michigan.gov/coronavirus](https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus)

[Small Business Best Practices](#)

[MDHHS Epidemic Orders](#)

[COVID-19 Educational Materials](#)

[Find a Vaccine Site Near You](#)

Disaster Distress Helpline: 1-800-985-5990

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

###



Wayne County Department of
Health, Human & Veterans Services
Public Health Division

Prepared by: Wayne County Emergency Preparedness

UNCLASSIFIED//CLEARED FOR PUBLIC RELEASE