



COVID-19 OUTBREAK

COVID-19 BRIEFING - 319.1

AUGUST 29, 2022

For Operational Period: August 22, 2022—Aug 29, 2022

WORLDWIDE

596,873,121 Cases

6,459,684 Deaths

UNITED STATES

93,880,573 Cases

1,037,953 Deaths

MICHIGAN

2,385,018 Cases

34,649 Deaths

OUT-WAYNE COUNTY

294,831 Cases

4,254 Deaths

SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

- Wayne County is back to **HIGH** overall community levels
- Wear a mask indoors and on public transportation; see Wayne County Covid-19 webpage for further recommendation www.waynecounty.com/COVID19dashboard
- Current data suggest that BA.4 and BA.5 spread more easily than previous Omicron lineages and have been on the rise for weeks. BA.5 is predominant in the United States—**CDC**
- Four vaccines are approved or authorized in the U.S. to prevent COVID-19: Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, Novavax, and Johnson & Johnson's Janssen (J&J/Janssen). It's recommended that the J&J/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine only be considered in certain situations —**CDC**
- Novavax is a new vaccine type is protein subunit (2 dose primary series given 3–8 weeks apart) 3rd primary dose not yet authorized—**CDC**
- If you have COVID-19 you can spread the virus to others. There are precautions you can take to prevent spreading it to others: isolation, masking, and avoiding contact with people who are at high risk of getting very sick. Isolation is used to separate people with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 from those without COVID-19 —**CDC**
- Antibodies*- usually develop 1-3 weeks after infection with the virus that causes COVID-19, and antibody tests are not generally recommended to test for current infection. To find out if someone has a current infection with the virus that causes COVID-19, the best choice is a viral (antigen or PCR-based) test—**CDC**
- New variants of a virus happen because the virus that causes COVID-19 constantly changes through a natural ongoing process of mutation (change). As the virus spreads it has more opportunities to change. High vaccination coverage in a population reduces the spread of the virus and helps prevent new variants from emerging—**CDC**
- It takes several weeks after each dose of COVID-19 vaccine for your body to develop maximum levels of immunity – you are not protected right away. We still don't know exactly how long protection from COVID-19 vaccines lasts but most people have strong protection against serious illness and death for at least 6 months —**WHO**

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

[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

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