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COVID-19 OUTBREAK

SITUATION REPORT - 161.1

SEPTEMBER 22, 2020

For Operational Period: September 21 2020

WORLDWIDE

31,520,944 Cases
970,097 Deaths

UNITED STATES

7,046,444 Cases
204,515 Deaths

MICHIGAN

129,662 Cases
6,981 Deaths

OUT-WAYNE COUNTY

18,238 Cases
1,289 Deaths

SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

- The CDC has removed new guidance from its website that acknowledged airborne transmission of the [coronavirus](#), posting a note that the guidance was only a draft and had been published in error. The CDC previously said that close person-to-person contact was the bigger concern, and the language has been changed back to erase the warning about airborne transmission.
- Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Director Robert Gordon issued an emergency [order](#) requiring testing of employees of Michigan's two state-run juvenile facilities. Under the order, the facilities must test each staff member as soon as practical, test all newly hired staff, and test employees who come into contact with someone with COVID-19. Facilities where there have been any cases within the last 14 days must continue to test staff on a weekly basis until no positive cases have been identified within the last 14 days. Employees who are required to be tested may not work until they receive testing.
- More than half of states are [reporting](#) a rise in coronavirus cases. The climb comes after many states had seen case numbers decline following a summer resurgence of infections. Among the states reporting more new cases are Wisconsin, Idaho, South Dakota, Iowa, and Kansas, all of which are also reporting test positivity rates about 15%. The World Health Organization advised governments in May that positivity rates should hold steady at 5% or lower for a least two weeks before businesses reopen. According to Johns Hopkins University, a total of 27 states and Puerto Rico have rates above that level.
- AstraZeneca has released [blueprints](#) for their COVID-19 vaccine trial. They are the third drug company to do so, following Moderna and Pfizer. "The release of these protocols seems to reflect some public pressure to do so," said Natalie Dean, a biostatistician and expert in clinical trial design for vaccines at the University of Florida. "This is an unprecedented situation, and public confidence is such a huge part of the success of this endeavor." Polls are finding Americans increasingly wary of accepting a virus vaccine. Scientists are worried that regulators, pressured by President Trump, might release an unproven or unsafe vaccine.

UPCOMING POP-UP TESTING SITES

- September 26-27: Taylor (Taylor Sportsplex, 13333 Telegraph Rd)
- October 10-11: Dearborn Heights

ACTIONS TAKEN

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

USEFUL RESOURCES

[Readiness for Schools](#)

[Find a Testing Site Near You](#)

[Return to School Roadmap](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Wayne County](#)

[Michigan.gov/coronavirus](#)

[COVID-19 Workplace Toolkit](#)

[Save-A-Life Program](#)

[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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