



COVID-19 OUTBREAK

COVID-19 BRIEFING - 292.1

JANUARY 31, 2022

For Operational Period: January 24, 2022—January 30, 2022

WORLDWIDE

375,847,454 Cases

5,683,403 Deaths

UNITED STATES

75,578,076 Cases

907,190 Deaths

MICHIGAN

2,235,180 Cases

32,197 Deaths

OUT-WAYNE COUNTY

234,577 Cases

3,488 Deaths

SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

- As of Monday, January 31st, nearly all counties in the United States fall into the CDC's "red" category for COVID-19 community transmission, meaning the virus is still spreading rapidly around the country. "Red," or high transmission, is defined as at least 100 new cases per 100,000 people in the past week, and 10% or greater percentage of positive tests. — **CNN Health**
- A sweeping new bill with powerful bipartisan support in the U.S. Senate would establish an inquiry into the country's COVID-19 response similar to the 9/11 Commission, among other provisions aimed at preventing the next pandemic. The new COVID commission would inform the U.S. response to future outbreaks as well as the current impact of the disease. The legislation, called the Prevent Pandemics Act, would lay the groundwork to enshrine new powers in federal health agencies. It would also require Senate confirmation to appoint the director of the CDC, and it would better outline the duties of the assistant secretary for preparedness and response. — **The Guardian**
- Amid pressure from patients and concerns that the vast numbers of omicron infections might drive a new wave of long COVID, researchers around the world are racing to understand what causes the condition and how it might be diagnosed and treated. Early research is pointing to factors that may raise a person's risk of long COVID, such as low levels of certain antibodies, reactivated viruses in the bloodstream, and existing conditions such as diabetes or asthma. Vaccination appears to offer some protection against long COVID, but it's not clear how much. It certainly helps by preventing serious illness in the first place, and it may help clear the virus before it can lodge in the body for the long term. — **Vox**

ACTIONS TAKEN

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

USEFUL RESOURCES

Disaster Distress Helpline: 1-800-985-5990

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

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