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COVID-19 OUTBREAK

COVID-19 BRIEFING - 175.1

OCTOBER 13, 2020

For Operational Period: October 9-12, 2020

WORLDWIDE

38,100,378 Cases
1,086,417 Deaths

UNITED STATES

8,038,391 Cases
220,021 Deaths

MICHIGAN

151,396 Cases
7,225 Deaths

OUT-WAYNE COUNTY

19,953 Cases
1,312 Deaths

SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

- Twenty-six schools across the state reported [new outbreaks](#). The highest is 21 cases at Kalamazoo College. The state considers an outbreak as two or more cases at a school, where infected people may have had shared exposure on school grounds and are from different households. **Source: Click on Detroit**
- On October 12, five public health experts sent an [open letter](#) to Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey explaining the problems with his recent comments on herd immunity. In their letter, the public health experts said, "If 'herd immunity' were to begin after about 80% of the state's population has been infected, as some believe, then 6.5 million more Michiganders would still need to contract COVID-19. At the current mortality rate, this would mean more than 30,000 additional deaths -- more than four times the number of deaths to date. **Source: Michigan Executive Office of the Governor**
- Johnson & Johnson announced that it had [temporarily halted](#) its COVID-19 vaccine trial because one of its participants had become sick. The pause means the enrollment system has been closed for the 60,000-patient clinical trial while the independent patient safety committee is convened. Company guidelines allow them to pause a study to determine if the serious adverse event (SAE) was related to the drug in question and whether to resume study. **Source: Aljazeera English**
- Scientists in Chile are investigating a [possible mutation](#) of the coronavirus in southern Patagonia, a far-flung region near the tip of South America that has seen an unusually contagious second wave of infections in recent weeks. Questions have arisen as the remote region of Magallanes, which accounts for only one percent of the country's population, reported nearly 20 percent of Chile's total cases so far, suggesting a potential mutation of the novel virus. While such mutations have already been observed in other places, researchers have yet to understand what their effect on humans is. **Source: Aljazeera English**

UPCOMING POP-UP TESTING SITES

- October 24-25: Lincoln Park
- November 14-15: Inkster

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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