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COVID-19 OUTBREAK

SITUATION REPORT - 159.1

SEPTEMBER 18, 2020

For Operational Period: September 17 2020

WORLDWIDE

30,383,102 Cases

951,175 Deaths

UNITED STATES

6,876,126 Cases

202,237 Deaths

MICHIGAN

126,722 Cases

6,955 Deaths

OUT-WAYNE COUNTY

17,963 Cases

1,282 Deaths

SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

- To further protect Michigan workers, the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA) issued COVID-19 "general duty" citations to 19 different businesses with serious violations for failing to uphold safety and health workplace guidelines, potentially putting workers in harm's way. "The MIOSHA investigations determined that these employers were not taking precautions to protect employees and their communities from the spread of COVID-19," MIOSHA Director Bart Pickelman said. "Failure to follow guidelines puts everyone at risk and these citations are meant to reiterate the employer's responsibility to protect their employees."
- Macomb County's sewage sampling [project](#), which detects the presence of COVID-19, has led the State of Michigan to allocate \$10 million in grants funded by the CARES Act to local governments to do the same. The pilot program launched by the Macomb County Public Works Office pulled samples from sewers in seven locations in Clinton Township. Those samples were sent to Michigan State University for lab testing and results are pending. According to scientific studies, testing of sewage could detect the presence of the coronavirus in individual communities before infected residents develop symptoms, or as they wait for the results of traditional tests.
- The World Health Organization (WHO) has warned that [coronavirus cases](#) are surging alarmingly in Europe, as a "very serious situation" unfolds across the continent. As COVID-19 infections spike to record numbers, European governments are imposing strict local measures and weighing up further lockdowns in a bid to halt a second wave of the pandemic. "Weekly cases have now exceeded those reported when the pandemic first peaked in Europe in March," said WHO regional director Hans Kluge.
- The Big Ten has [reversed](#) its decision not to compete this year, and will play football in the 2020 season. Big Ten university leaders have faced ongoing pressure from coaches, players, and fans to compete since announcing in August that they would not participate in this year's season. After a new series of conversations with the league's medical advisors, which included a guarantee of daily testing of athletes and development of screening protocols for COVID-19, the league has decided to play. The conference is set to start playing on October 23rd, with no fans present in the stadiums.

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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