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# COVID-19 OUTBREAK

## COVID-19 BRIEFING - 173.1

OCTOBER 8, 2020

For Operational Period: October 7, 2020

### WORLDWIDE

36,449,490 Cases  
1,061,519 Deaths

### UNITED STATES

7,777,014 Cases  
216,818 Deaths

### MICHIGAN

145,092 Cases  
7,169 Deaths

### OUT-WAYNE COUNTY

19,501 Cases  
1,308 Deaths

### SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

- U.S. coronavirus cases [surpassed](#) 7.5 million on October 7th with 39 states seeing a rise in cases – nine months into the pandemic – and a startling 9 states setting state seven-day records for infections. The country has been adding about 44,000 cases per day lately, more than double the low seen in June and halfway between that mark and the worst of the July's devastating peak. Deaths are higher in 25 of the states and testing positivity is higher in 35 states than it was a week before. **Source: USA Today**
- The World Health Organization has said European countries will need to “move beyond biomedical science” to overcome Covid-19 as “[pandemic fatigue](#)” and new infections rapidly rise across the continent. Medical science alone would not be enough to get through the crisis, he warned, with authorities needing the “courage and empathy” to listen properly to the public and develop policies based on a better understanding of people’s needs and behaviors. Living with such uncertainty and disruption for many months had left many people feeling apathetic and demotivated, he said, adding that efforts to tackle a constantly evolving challenge must be “reinvigorated and revived”. **Source: The Guardian**
- The COVID-19 virus is continuing to [mutate](#) throughout the course of the pandemic, with experts believing it is probably becoming more contagious, as coronavirus cases in the US have started to rise once again, according to new research. The new US study analyzed 5,000 genetic sequences of the virus, which has continued to mutate as it has spread through the population. The study did not find that mutations of the virus have made it more lethal or changed its effects, even as it may be becoming easier to catch, according to a report in the Washington Post, which noted that public health experts acknowledge all viruses have mutations, most of which are insignificant. **Source: The Guardian**

### UPCOMING POP-UP TESTING SITES

- October 10-11: Dearborn Heights (HYPE Athletics, 23302 W Warren Ave)
- October 24-25: Lincoln Park

### 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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