



COVID-19 OUTBREAK

COVID-19 BRIEFING - 241.1

JANUARY 29, 2021

For Operational Period: January 28, 2021

WORLDWIDE

102,137,721 Cases

2,203,114 Deaths

UNITED STATES

26,338,607 Cases

443,769 Deaths

MICHIGAN

606,488 Cases

15,402 Deaths

OUT-WAYNE COUNTY

61,381 Cases

1,980 Deaths

SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

- South Carolina officials have announced the United States' first two confirmed cases of a more contagious coronavirus strain first spotted in South Africa. The variant -- also known as B.1.351 -- has raised concerns over being more transmissible than other versions of the virus, and potentially evading the immune protection offered by antibodies. CDC said in a statement it was aware of the cases, noting "we have no evidence that infections by this variant cause more severe disease." The agency said it would continue working with labs around the country to genetically sequence samples of the virus.—**CNN**
- UK phase three trials of the experimental Novavax COVID-19 vaccine have found it demonstrated 89.3% efficacy against the virus. Preliminary analysis showed the new UK variant was detected in more than half of the coronavirus cases recorded in the trials, with the vaccine candidate shown to be 95.6% effective against the original strain and 85.6% effective against the variant.—**SkyNews**
- The U.S. is working to vaccinate a high percentage of its population against COVID-19 as soon as possible to stop the spread of the disease and end the outbreak in the country. Since vaccine distribution began in the U.S. on Dec. 14, more than 24 million doses have been administered, reaching 6.2% of the total U.S. population, according to federal data collected by the CDC. The U.S. is currently administering around 1 million shots a day.—**NPR**
- Governor Whitmer delivered her third State of the State address, where she announced a series of bold actions to grow our economy and get things done for the people of Michigan. In her speech, the governor announced Michigan Back to Work: her plan to help us grow our economy and get Michiganders back on their feet. Over the next year, the Whitmer Administration will announce initiatives and projects big and small – from tech, mobility and manufacturing growth, to clean energy and road construction. This will protect, grow, and create more good paying jobs.—**Michigan.gov**

ACTIONS TAKEN

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

USEFUL RESOURCES

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