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# COVID-19 OUTBREAK

## SITUATION REPORT - 137.1

AUGUST 18, 2020

For Operational Period: August 17, 2020

### WORLDWIDE

22,079,934 Cases

778,102 Deaths

### UNITED STATES

5,613,183 Cases

173,772 Deaths

### MICHIGAN

102,749 Cases

6,592 Deaths

### OUT-WAYNE COUNTY

14,730 Cases

1,232 Deaths

## SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

- The Michigan House has approved a return-to-school deal that was reached Friday by the governor and legislative leadership just ahead of Saturday's special Senate session. House Bill 5913 was approved 73-33 during Monday's session. All of the education bills will now head to Governor Whitmer's desk for signing.
  - Highlights of the return-to-school deal look like this:
    - \$583 in federal coronavirus relief funds dedicated to schools
    - \$350 per pupil
    - More than \$50 million in hazard pay for educators
    - \$18 million for safety measures and local benchmark assessments to figure out how kids are doing.
    - A 75/25 formula to determine attendance, meaning that 75% will be counted from last year's total of students versus 25% from online attendance
  - Michigan schools that deem it safe to provide in-person classes during the COVID-19 pandemic would have to prioritize the option for K-5 students under legislation that would also largely base districts' state funding on last year's pupil count to account for enrollment uncertainty in coming weeks.
- Detroit teachers will vote on whether to launch a safety strike over concerns they have about returning to classrooms amid COVID-19. "We're saddened that it has come to this," said Terrence Martin, president of the Detroit Federation of Teachers. "However, the health and safety of the students we serve, my membership and all employees is in the balance." Martin said teachers are not confident that the district can protect them adequately from the coronavirus if they return to classrooms this fall. He's urging the district to follow the example of some neighboring school systems like Southfield, which plan to start the year with online learning and monitor health data to determine when it is safe to return to classroom.
- The Michigan High School Athletics Association has decided to postpone football until spring 2021. Other fall sports in the low to moderate risk categories will continue forward. Practices have begun in the other sports and competitions may begin in golf and tennis on August 19 and cross country on August 21.

## ACTIONS TAKEN

- Wayne County Public Health has developed COVID-19 [educational materials](#) available for download.
- 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 \(NEW!\)](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Wayne County](#)

[Michigan.gov/coronavirus](#)

[COVID-19 Workplace Toolkit](#)

[Save-A-Life Program](#)

[COVID-19 Educational Materials](#)

[CDC](#)

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

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