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COVID-19 OUTBREAK

COVID-19 NEWS BRIEF - 170.1

OCTOBER 5, 2020

For Operational Period: October 2-4, 2020

WORLDWIDE

35,443,119 Cases
1,042,598 Deaths

UNITED STATES

7,637,066 Cases
214,615 Deaths

MICHIGAN

141,271 Cases
7,124 Deaths

OUT-WAYNE COUNTY

19,233 Cases
1,305 Deaths

SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

- Some Michigan counties are issuing [local emergency orders](#) to ensure coronavirus safety measures continue after the state Supreme Court struck down months of orders made by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer amid the pandemic. The Michigan Supreme Court ruled Friday, October 2, that a law from 1945 is unconstitutional, impacting numerous orders made by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer under that law since the beginning of April. Under the Emergency Powers of Governor Act of 1945, Whitmer has extended the state's emergency status and issued a number of related orders in an effort to prevent the spread of coronavirus. According to the court, those orders are no longer enforceable as of Friday. However, Whitmer has said that existing orders will remain in effect for at least 21 days after the ruling -- but some argue that Whitmer has no legal basis to continue enforcing emergency orders following the court's decision. It is unclear if statewide mandates are still in effect or not, though the office of the Michigan Attorney General said Sunday that her office will no longer enforce Whitmer's emergency orders. Amid this uncertainty, some Michigan counties are issuing their own local emergency orders to maintain safety measures to help prevent the spread of coronavirus.
- A [study](#), based on a giant contact tracing effort involving more than 3 million people in India, shows most Covid-19 patients never infected anyone else. The researchers found that 70% of infected people did not infect any of their contacts, while 8% of patients accounted for 60% of observed new infections. Most of the index cases -- the first patient in a chain of transmission -- were adults aged 20 to 45. "The young to middle adult age group is the one that is coming into contact with people... They are the ones taking the disease from one place to the other," study leader Ramanan Laxminarayan said. The study also contradicts the widely held belief that children are unlikely to catch the coronavirus. "They are getting infected in significant numbers," Laxminarayan stated. "While the role of children in transmission has been debated, we identify high prevalence of infection among children who were contacts of cases around their own age," the team reported.

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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