



# COVID-19 OUTBREAK

## COVID-19 BRIEFING - 282.1

NOVEMBER 15, 2021

For Operational Period: November 8, 2021—November 15, 2021

### WORLDWIDE

254,156,257 Cases

5,118,180 Deaths

### UNITED STATES

47,916,190 Cases

783,565 Deaths

### MICHIGAN

1,346,868 Cases

24,308 Deaths

### OUT-WAYNE COUNTY

140,299 Cases

3,066 Deaths

## SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

- The Biden administration told a court on Monday it has clear authority to impose a COVID-19 vaccine rule on employers with at least 100 staff and that a court's order on Saturday blocking the rule could cost dozens or even hundreds of lives daily. People are increasingly returning to work and they risk accelerating the spread of COVID-19 without the rule, said the filing in the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals by government lawyers. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) last week announced the rule, which also provides for a testing and masking alternative to vaccination and a Jan. 4 deadline. The agency said it was necessary to prevent 250,000 hospitalizations.—**Reuters**
- The delta variant of COVID-19 is not done with the U.S. Nearly all of the nation's coronavirus infections are now attributed to the highly-contagious variant. And as winter months mean more people will be gathering indoors, the nation is attempting to prepare for a possible winter surge that may be already be underway in some regions. The majority of U.S. states reported rising cases in the past week, according to Johns Hopkins University data updated Saturday. In New Mexico, hospitals are running out of intensive care beds, despite the state's high vaccination rate. In Michigan, the three-county metro Detroit area is again becoming a hot spot for transmissions. Waning immunity may be contributing to the rise in cases, as months have passed since millions of Americans were first vaccinated and past surges of the virus led others to have some protection via natural infection immunity. The nation's ongoing booster rollout is attempting to head off the effects of waning immunity.— **USA Today**
- Facing mixed economic signals and growing public criticism, top White House economic officials tied rising inflation to the lingering effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, emphasizing that the economy will stabilize if normalcy returns. Inflation is a generalized increase in the price of goods across the economy. While the price of all goods have increased by 1.2% over the last month, a spike in energy and gas prices has shocked households. A shortage of semiconductors has led to a rise in the prices of used cars and electronic goods. U.S. employment and average wages increased more than expected in October, but the labor force is down more than 3 million people from pre-pandemic levels. The unemployment rate stood at 4.6% last month; wages increased 1.5%, slightly ahead of the 1.2% average inflation for the same period.— **USA Today**

## ACTIONS TAKEN

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

## USEFUL RESOURCES



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