



COVID-19 OUTBREAK

COVID-19 BRIEFING - 239.1

JANUARY 27, 2021

For Operational Period: January 26, 2021

WORLDWIDE

100,932,703 Cases

2,169,711 Deaths

UNITED STATES

26,011,222 Cases

435,452 Deaths

MICHIGAN

602,168 Cases

15,305 Deaths

OUT-WAYNE COUNTY

61,085 Cases

1,970 Deaths

SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

- Health officials are extremely worried about the new COVID-19 variants that have been detected in the US and what that could mean over the coming months. Officials in Minnesota announced Monday (Jan. 25) they detected the P.1 variant of the virus in a traveler from Brazil. The variant is one of four being closely watched by the CDC and appears to be more easily transmissible. CDC officials have also said another variant -- called B.1.1.7 and first spotted in the UK -- has been detected in more than 20 states. — **CNN Health**
- The Michigan National Guard (MING) is expanding its COVID-19 response force for vaccination and testing efforts across the state. Almost 300 additional guard members are being deployed to support this mission. The surge of Soldiers and Airmen will be assigned directly to specific regions of the state including northern Michigan, mid-Michigan, western Michigan and southeast Michigan. The MING is augmenting local health departments, as requested, in administering the vaccination in clinics in their area. — **Michigan State Police**
- Moderna has said it believes its COVID-19 vaccine is effective against new variants of the coronavirus, although it will test a new booster shot aimed at the strain discovered in South Africa after tests showed the antibody response could be reduced. The United States-based biotech company said in a press release on Monday (Jan. 25) that the move was out of “an abundance of caution” after preliminary lab tests suggested its shot produced a weaker immune response to that variant. — **Aljazeera News**
- New Zealand may approve a COVID-19 vaccine as early as next week. “We’re making swift progress towards vaccinating New Zealanders against the virus, but we’re also absolutely committed to ensuring the vaccines are safe and effective,” Ardern said in a statement. The country’s medicines regulator Medsafe is working towards granting provisional approval for the Pfizer Inc and BioNTech SE vaccine. — **Aljazeera News**

ACTIONS TAKEN

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

USEFUL RESOURCES

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[Return to School Roadmap](#)

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