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COVID-19 OUTBREAK

COVID-19 BRIEFING - 202.1

NOVEMBER 20, 2020

For Operational Period: November 19, 2020

WORLDWIDE

57,385,072 Cases
1,368,510 Deaths

UNITED STATES

12,075,243 Cases
258,363 Deaths

MICHIGAN

311,041 Cases
8,717 Deaths

OUT-WAYNE COUNTY

32,562 Cases
1,402 Deaths

SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

- AstraZeneca and Oxford University's potential COVID-19 vaccine produced a strong immune response in [older adults](#), data published on Nov. 18 showed, with researchers expecting to release late-stage trial results by Christmas. The data suggest that those aged over 70, who are at higher risk of serious illness and death from COVID-19, could build robust immunity.— **Reuters**
- With Thanksgiving about a week away and coronavirus cases exploding nationwide, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Nov. 18 recommended [against traveling or gathering](#) for the holiday, urging Americans to consider celebrating in their own households instead. Officials spoke of the risks in stark terms, warning that as friends and relatives get together over the holidays, they could inadvertently bring the coronavirus with them. Tragedy could follow, they said.— **Washington Post**
- Oakland County is the latest county in Michigan to [track COVID-19](#) through the sewage that is aimed at determining if sewage can help predict virus outbreaks. Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner Jim Nash said they're part of a pilot program to sample for evidence tracers of COVID-19. The end goal is to use that information to alert health departments of trends in an area's population. — **Fox 2 News Detroit**
- The United States Food and Drug Administration on Nov. 18 approved the emergency use of Eli Lilly and Co's arthritis drug, [baricitinib](#), in combination with Gilead Sciences Inc's remdesivir, to treat COVID-19 patients requiring oxygen support. The approval showed an approximately one-day reduction in median recovery time for patients treated with the combination versus those treated with remdesivir.—**Al Jazeera English**

UPCOMING POP-UP TESTING AND FLU VACCINATION SITES

- November 21 & 22: Woodhaven (Woodhaven Recreation Center)
- December 05 & 06: Harper Woods (Harper Woods High School)

ACTIONS TAKEN

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

USEFUL RESOURCES

[Holiday Safety](#)

[Find a Testing Site Near You](#)

[Return to School Roadmap](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Wayne County](#)

[Michigan.gov/coronavirus](#)

[COVID-19 Workplace Toolkit](#)

[MDHHS Epidemic Orders](#)

[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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