



# COVID-19 OUTBREAK

## COVID-19 BRIEFING - 234.1

JANUARY 20, 2021

For Operational Period: January 19, 2021

### WORLDWIDE

96,741,757 Cases

2,068,733 Deaths

### UNITED STATES

24,810,979 Cases

411,534 Deaths

### MICHIGAN

587,448 Cases

14,735 Deaths

### OUT-WAYNE COUNTY

59,818 Cases

1,912 Deaths

## SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

- On Friday (Jan. 15), the WHO urged more effort to detect new variants. The CDC said a new version first identified in the United Kingdom may become dominant in the U.S. by March. Although it doesn't cause more severe illness, it will lead to more hospitalizations and deaths just because it spreads much more easily, said the CDC, warning of "a new phase of exponential growth."—**AP News**
- On Tuesday (Jan. 19), MDHHS released [new guidance encouraging colleges and universities to require COVID-19 testing of students](#) who live in the immediate university community, even if the students do not live on campus.—**Michigan.gov**
- Governor Whitmer outlined her plan Tuesday (Jan. 19) to jumpstart the state's economy and help end the COVID-19 pandemic. "The governor's MI COVID Recovery Plan includes crucial support for our small businesses, our educators, students, and support staff, and our overall public health," state Budget Director Dave Massaron said. "This is a plan to help our economy recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and help Michigan compete. To make these investments even more valuable, the immediate action by the legislature to renew Good Jobs for Michigan is vitally important to drive more opportunity for our residents."—**Click on Detroit**
- Michigan's small businesses impacted by the recent COVID-19 emergency "gatherings and face mask orders" are able to apply for \$55 million in Michigan Small Business Survival grants through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, which began Tuesday (Jan. 19). The program was authorized by the Michigan Strategic Fund on Jan. 14.—**Michigan Executive Office of the Governor**

## ACTIONS TAKEN

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

## USEFUL RESOURCES

[MI COVID Alert](#)

[Find a Testing Site Near You](#)

[Return to School Roadmap](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Wayne County](#)

[Michigan.gov/coronavirus](#)

[Small Business Best Practices](#)

[MDHHS Epidemic Orders](#)

[COVID-19 Educational Materials](#)

[Prevent Flu](#)

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