



COVID-19 OUTBREAK

COVID-19 BRIEFING - 250.1

MARCH 29, 2021

For Operational Period: March 22-28, 2021

WORLDWIDE

127,869,200 Cases

2,797,676 Deaths

UNITED STATES

30,962,803 Cases

562,526 Deaths

MICHIGAN

723,700 Cases

17,047 Deaths

OUT-WAYNE COUNTY

73,425 Cases

2,151 Deaths

SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

- In a late-night news release Wednesday (Mar. 24), the drugmaker, AstraZeneca, had concluded the vaccine is 76% effective in preventing symptomatic COVID-19, instead of the 79% it had reported earlier in the week. The company still assures that the COVID-19 vaccine is still strongly effective against the virus.—**AP News**
- Despite top US health officials saying they're encouraged by the accelerating COVID-19 vaccinations, not enough Americans are fully vaccinated yet to suppress the spread of the virus. Eased restrictions across the country coupled with spring break crowds could cause an increase in cases. "What concerns me is the footage of what's happening in spring breakers, in people who are not continuing to implement prevention strategies while we get fully scaled up," CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky said during a White House COVID-19 briefing.—**CNN Health**
- The state of Michigan has one of the highest rates of the B.1.1.7 COVID-19 variant in the country. "Most of our cases have been associated with outbreaks and in particular one very large outbreak with MDOC (Michigan Department of Corrections)," said Dr. Natasha Bagdasarian, the senior public health physician with the Department of Health and Human Services. The only way to tell what variant a positive COVID case consists of is to do "sequencing." State labs ramping up those efforts and are now sequencing about 10% of positive cases.—**Fox2Detroit**
- Beaumont Health announced its hospitals will have limited visitation, effective as of Thursday, March 25 at 8 a.m. Beaumont Health officials put restrictions in place to protect patients and staff as coronavirus cases continue to rise. "We have noticed an alarming rise in COVID-19 cases in metro Detroit over the past few weeks," Dr. Nick Gilpin, Beaumont Health medical director of infection prevention and epidemiology, said in a release.—**Mlive**

ACTIONS TAKEN

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

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