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# COVID-19 OUTBREAK

## COVID-19 BRIEFING - 213.1

DECEMBER 09, 2020

For Operational Period: December 08, 2020

### WORLDWIDE

68,700,724 Cases

1,566,040 Deaths

### UNITED STATES

15,594,534 Cases

293,496 Deaths

### MICHIGAN

443,476 Cases

10,625 Deaths

### OUT-WAYNE COUNTY

45,604 Cases

1,426 Deaths

## SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

- FDA staff said on Tuesday (Dec. 8) that data on Pfizer's coronavirus vaccine was in line with its guidance on emergency use authorization, raising hopes it could soon be available to Americans aged 16 and above. The comments were made in documents released ahead of Thursday's (Dec. 10) meeting of outside experts to discuss whether the vaccine developed by Pfizer with German pharmaceutical partner BioNTech should be authorized for emergency use in America. Pfizer cleared the latest hurdle in the race to get its COVID-19 vaccine approved for emergency use, as FDA documents did not raise any new issues about its safety or efficacy.—**The Guardian**
- Dr. Fauci has warned that the upcoming holiday season may be even worse than Thanksgiving in terms of spreading the coronavirus. He stated that because the traditional Christmas season is an extended period that stretches into New Year's, the prospects for spreading the virus as people travel "may be even more compounded than what we saw at Thanksgiving." Fauci said the US was facing a "very critical time" with the virus surging and more important than ever for people to take precautions like avoiding indoor gatherings, wearing masks and social distancing.—**CNN**
- American Airlines will now offer pre-flight, at-home COVID-19 test kits to passengers who are flying to a U.S. state with travel restrictions. American is the first U.S. carrier to expand testing access for domestic destinations. Through the airline's partnership with LetsGetChecked, passengers will be able to purchase the COVID-19 testing kit online on Dec. 9 for travel.—**ABC News**

## 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](#)

[Small Business Best Practices](#)

[MDHHS Epidemic Orders](#)

[COVID-19 Educational Materials](#)

[Prevent Flu](#)

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**National Domestic Violence Hotline:** 1-800-799-7233 and TTY 1-800-787-3224

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