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COVID-19 OUTBREAK

SITUATION REPORT - 164.1

SEPTEMBER 25, 2020

For Operational Period: September 24 2020

WORLDWIDE

32,457,940 Cases

988,523 Deaths

UNITED STATES

7,187,179 Cases

207,555 Deaths

MICHIGAN

132,337 Cases

7,019 Deaths

OUT-WAYNE COUNTY

18,490 Cases

1,294 Deaths

SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

- All Mid-Michigan counties have been downgraded to a [medium risk](#) level for coronavirus spread after more than a month in the high risk category. The state unveiled a revamped MI Safe Start color-coded risk level map with a new set of rankings based on letters. The Detroit and Saginaw regions, which encompass most of Mid-Michigan, have been placed at Level C, the third highest. Both regions had been under the second highest risk level on the previous rankings, beginning in mid-August.
- Four COVID-19 sniffer dogs have begun work at Helsinki airport in a state-funded pilot scheme that Finnish researchers hope will provide a cheap, fast, and effective alternative method of testing people for the virus. A dog is capable of detecting the presence of the coronavirus within 10 seconds and the entire process takes less than a minute to complete, according to Anna Hielm-Bjorkman of the University of Helsinki, who is overseeing the trial. Arriving international passengers are asked to dab their skin with a wipe. In a separate booth, the beaker containing the wipe is then placed next to others containing different control scents – and the dog starts sniffing.
- Healthy volunteers in the UK could soon be deliberately infected with coronavirus in the world's first [human challenge trial](#) to find out which COVID-19 vaccines work. Government-funded studies, which may be announced next week, could begin in January in London, the Financial Times reported. Human challenge studies have a long and successful history, but some have qualms about exposing volunteers to a virus for which there is no cure. 2,000 UK volunteers have signed up for the 1Day Sooner movement, which has been campaigning and petitioning to allow human challenge trials to begin.
- The federal government is preparing to crack down aggressively on hospitals for not reporting complete COVID-19 data daily into a federal data system, according to internal documents obtained by [NPR](#). The draft guidance, expected to be sent to hospitals this week, also adds new reporting requirements, asking hospitals to provide daily information on influenza cases, along with COVID-19. It is the latest twist in what hospitals describe as a maddening flurry of changing requirements as they deal with the strain of caring for patients during a pandemic.

UPCOMING POP-UP TESTING SITES

- September 26-27: Taylor (Taylor Sportsplex, 13333 Telegraph Rd)
- October 10-11: Dearborn Heights

ACTIONS TAKEN

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

USEFUL RESOURCES

[Readiness for Schools](#)

[Find a Testing Site Near You](#)

[Return to School Roadmap](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Wayne County](#)

[Michigan.gov/coronavirus](#)

[COVID-19 Workplace Toolkit](#)

[Save-A-Life Program](#)

[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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