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# COVID-19 OUTBREAK

## COVID-19 NEWS BRIEF - 169.1

OCTOBER 2, 2020

For Operational Period: October 1, 2020

### WORLDWIDE

34,534,040 Cases

1,028,540 Deaths

### UNITED STATES

7,497,256 Cases

212,694 Deaths

### MICHIGAN

139,012 Cases

7,102 Deaths

### OUT-WAYNE COUNTY

19,006 Cases

1,303 Deaths

## SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

- A [school employee](#) in Montcalm County died last week of coronavirus, according to health officials. The woman was a staff member at Carson City-Crystal Area Schools. The news of the woman's death came one day after the district closed and moved to virtual teaching amid positive cases of the virus reported in the district. The district originally opened with both in-person and virtual learning options for students. The school district has "many, many" people quarantined and is doing its best to stop a community spread, Marcus Cheatham, health officer for the Mid-Michigan District Health Department said. "We are saddened to learn that a dedicated educator has died as a result of COVID-19 and encourage everyone to wear a mask and take the proper health and safety precautions to help reduce the chance of others contracting the virus," said Bill Disessa, spokesperson for the Michigan Department of Education.
- A country already unnerved by a devastating health catastrophe and a turbulent political season faced fresh upheaval Friday, October 2, as Americans awoke to news President Donald Trump had contracted [coronavirus](#). The President made the announcement on Twitter at nearly 1 a.m. ET on October 2. In his announcement, Trump insisted: "We will get through this TOGETHER!" His wife, who also tested positive, wrote, "We are feeling good." Inside the White House, aides described a sense of panic as they worked to determine who else may have contracted the disease and whether the President -- who falls squarely within the highest risk category for serious complications and who has been guarded about revealing details of his health -- was displaying symptoms. There are no indications that Trump is preparing to use the 25th Amendment, a temporary transition of power from the commander in chief to the VP.
- Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed [Executive Order](#) 2020-191, maintaining protections for Michigan's most vulnerable populations living in congregate settings and staff. EO 2020-191 maintains the strong infection control protocols in nursing homes the governor put in place at the outset of this crisis, and protects residents from eviction and employees from retaliatory action for staying home when exhibiting symptoms. It also requires enhanced transparency and communications from nursing homes, expanding notification requirements for positive cases to include legal guardians, health proxies, prospective staff and residents. In order to improve resident well-being, the order lifts the previous prohibition on communal dining and instead requires both communal dining and group activities to be conducted consistent with CMS and DHHS guidance.

## UPCOMING POP-UP TESTING SITES

- October 10-11: Dearborn Heights (HYPE Athletics, 23302 W Warren Ave)
- October 24-25: Lincoln Park

## 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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