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# COVID-19 OUTBREAK

## COVID-19 BRIEFING - 219.1

DECEMBER 17, 2020

For Operational Period: December 16, 2020

### WORLDWIDE

74,667,229 Cases

1,658,240 Deaths

### UNITED STATES

17,394,314 Cases

314,629 Deaths

### MICHIGAN

482,815 Cases

11,588 Deaths

### OUT-WAYNE COUNTY

49,693 Cases

1,641 Deaths

## SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

- On Tuesday (Dec. 15), the U.S. FDA issued an emergency use authorization (EUA) for the first over-the-counter (OTC) fully at-home diagnostic test for COVID-19. The Ellume COVID-19 Home Test is a rapid, lateral flow antigen test, a type of test that runs a liquid sample along a surface with reactive molecules. The test detects fragments of proteins of the SARS-CoV-2 virus from a nasal swab sample from any individual 2 years of age or older.—[FDA.gov](https://www.fda.gov)
- Congressional leaders closed in on a \$900 billion coronavirus relief deal Wednesday (Dec. 16) as millions of struggling Americans wait for help. The measure would contain a direct payment to Americans in some amount, as well as enhanced federal unemployment insurance. In addition, Senator Steve Daines of Montana stated that the deal would have roughly \$300 billion in small business aid including Paycheck Protection Program loans, money for COVID-19 vaccine distribution and testing and relief for hospitals.—[CNBC](https://www.cnn.com)
- With the Futures for Frontliners application deadline approaching, frontline workers are encouraged to take the next step in their educational journey and apply for free college tuition towards an associate degree or industry-recognized certificate at community college by Dec. 31 – even if they have not completed their high school diploma.—[Michigan.gov](https://www.michigan.gov)
- Germany hit a new record level of coronavirus deaths as it entered a harder lockdown Wednesday (Dec. 16), closing shops and schools to try to bring down high new cases. The country recorded 179.8 deaths of new infections per 100,000 residents over the last seven days, a new high and significantly more than the 149 per 100,000 reported a week ago by the Robert Koch Institute, the country's disease control center.—[NBC News](https://www.nbcnews.com)

## 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](https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus)

[Small Business Best Practices](#)

[MDHHS Epidemic Orders](#)

[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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