



COVID-19 OUTBREAK

COVID-19 BRIEFING - 248.1

MARCH 15, 2021

For Operational Period: March 08-14, 2021

WORLDWIDE

120,493,042 Cases

2,666,682 Deaths

UNITED STATES

30,081,657 Cases

547,234 Deaths

MICHIGAN

670,088 Cases

16,769 Deaths

OUT-WAYNE COUNTY

67,524 Cases

2,113 Deaths

SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

- Governor Whitmer and MDHHS officials announced the state is expanding vaccination eligibility for Michiganders ages 16 and older with disabilities or medical conditions that put them at high risk of negative COVID-19 outcome beginning Monday, March 22. The state is also announcing that beginning Monday, April 5, all Michiganders age 16 and up who were not previously eligible will be eligible to receive a vaccine. —**Michigan.gov**
- New guidelines from the CDC say people fully vaccinated against COVID-19 can safely visit with other vaccinated people and small groups of unvaccinated people in some circumstances, but there are still important safety precautions needed. "—**CNN Health**
- CVS is now providing COVID-19 vaccinations through the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program in 29 states and Puerto Rico, the pharmacy chain said in a press release Thursday. This is nearly double the 17 states where CVS was previously offering vaccinations. "We're increasing the number of active stores and expanding to additional states as fast as supply allows," said Karen S. Lynch, President and Chief Executive Officer, CVS Health in the statement. —**CNN World**
- The first Michigan case of the COVID-19 variant B.1.351 was identified in a male child living in Jackson County by the MDHHS Bureau of Laboratories on Monday, March 8. Cases caused by this variant were reported in the United States at the end of January 2021. B.1.351 is believed to be more contagious, but there has been no indication that it affects the clinical outcomes or disease severity compared to the SARS-CoV-2 virus that has been circulating across the United States for months. —**Michigan.gov**
- Governor Whitmer signed legislation that supports the COVID-19 recovery plan she sent to the legislature in January. It includes key provisions of the governor's MI COVID Recovery Plan, including a \$2.25/hour wage increase for direct care workers, \$283 million in federal emergency rental assistance to help ensure people can stay in their homes, up to \$110 million in federal funding for vaccine administration, and up to \$555 million in federal funding for testing and tracing. —**Michigan.gov**

ACTIONS TAKEN

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

USEFUL RESOURCES

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