



# COVID-19 OUTBREAK

## COVID-19 BRIEFING - 245.1

FEBRUARY 22, 2021

For Operational Period: February 15-21, 2021

### WORLDWIDE

112,027,599 Cases

2,479,315 Deaths

### UNITED STATES

28,765,423 Cases

511,133 Deaths

### MICHIGAN

636,269 Cases

16,342 Deaths

### OUT-WAYNE COUNTY

63,666 Cases

2,073 Deaths

## SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

- As of Wednesday (Feb. 17), results from the daily testing of prisoners and staff at the Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility, in Ionia, has resulted in the detection of 90 cases of the SARS-CoV-2, B.1.1.7 variant. This testing occurred after an employee at the prison was found to have the variant and the Michigan Department of Corrections immediately began to test daily, all prisoners and staff. This variant is believed to be more contagious compared to the SARS-CoV-2 virus, and as soon as it was detected in the prison, additional precautions were put in place, along with the daily testing.—[Michigan.gov](#)
- Critical relief totaling approximately \$52.5 million for nearly 6,000 small businesses across the state has been awarded to date through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation's [Michigan Small Business Survival Grant program](#), Governor Gretchen Whitmer announced.—[Michigan.gov](#)
- The White House plans to increase testing capacity in the U.S. through multiple channels. The administration says it will spend \$650 million to expand testing for K-8 schools and settings where people congregate such as homeless shelters, via new "hubs" created by the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Defense. Regional coordinating centers will work to increase testing capacity, partnering with labs and universities to collect specimens, perform tests and report results to public health agencies.—[NPR](#)
- Life expectancy in the United States fell by a full year in the first six months of 2020, the federal government reported on Thursday (Feb. 18), the largest drop since World War II and a grim measure of the deadly consequences of the coronavirus pandemic. The recent data has shown the first full picture of the pandemic's effect on American expected life spans, which dropped to 77.8 years from 78.8 years in 2019.—[The New York Times](#)

## ACTIONS TAKEN

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

## USEFUL RESOURCES

[MI COVID Alert](#)

[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](#)

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**Disaster Distress Helpline:** 1-800-985-5990

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