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# COVID-19 OUTBREAK

## SITUATION REPORT - 143.1

AUGUST 26, 2020

For Operational Period: August 25, 2020

### WORLDWIDE

24,092,709 Cases

824,194 Deaths

### UNITED STATES

5,956,160 Cases

182,421 Deaths

### MICHIGAN

108,637 Cases

6,684 Deaths

### OUT-WAYNE COUNTY

15,452 Cases

1,247 Deaths

## SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

- A Florida judge on Monday blocked the state's requirement that all brick-and-mortar public schools must offer in-class education by August 31. In his temporary injunction, Judge Charles Dodson said Florida Education Commissioner Richard Corcoran "arbitrarily prioritized reopening schools statewide in August over safety, and over the advice of health experts and that all districts complied in order to avoid loss of state funding." The ruling was a win for teacher unions.
- Brian Lee Hitchens and his wife, Erin, had read claims online that the virus was fabricated, linked to 5G or similar to the flu. The couple didn't follow health guidance or seek help when they fell ill in early May. Brian recovered, but his 46-year-old wife became critically ill and died this month from heart problems linked to the virus. "If you have to go out please use wisdom and don't be foolish like I was so the same thing won't happen to you like it happened to me and my wife," Brian explained.
- A faculty member at Detroit Catholic Central High School has tested positive for COVID-19, according to an announcement sent to parents on Monday. Officials say the Oakland County Health Department will carry out contact tracing and communication related to the infection. At this time, there is no need for students to self-quarantine unless they are told otherwise by the health department.
- Governor Whitmer held a press conference encouraging all Michiganders to get their flu vaccine ahead of the 2020-2021 flu season. The governor also got her flu vaccine on stage during the press conference.
- Governor Whitmer welcomed a \$1.2M donation from IKEA Retail U.S. that will go to Michigan's [COVID-19 Response and Recovery Initiative](#). The donation is the largest donation to the fund to date and will help support Michigan's ongoing COVID-19 relief efforts and other critical services.

## 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 \(NEW!\)](#)

**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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