



COVID-19 OUTBREAK

COVID-19 BRIEFING - 270.1

AUGUST 16, 2021

For Operational Period: August 09—August 15, 2021

WORLDWIDE

208,144,642 Cases

4,378,177 Deaths

UNITED STATES

37,466,718 Cases

637,561 Deaths

MICHIGAN

1,028,630 Cases

21,284 Deaths

OUT-WAYNE COUNTY

105,371 Cases

2,571 Deaths

SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

- U.S. health officials have authorized a third dose of COVID-19 vaccines from Pfizer Inc and Moderna Inc for people with compromised immune systems, based on evidence that the standard two shots offered less robust protection in such populations. The FDA updated the emergency use authorization given to the shots from Pfizer, as well as the vaccine from Moderna to allow a third dose for people who have received organ transplants, or those with a similarly weakened immune system. —**Reuters**
- A rise in cases of respiratory syncytial virus, or RSV, in young children is causing concern among healthcare providers and public health officials, who warn that the dual surge in COVID-19 and RSV cases could further strain healthcare facilities. The CDC reported “historically low levels” of RSV while there were strict safety precautions in the U.S., but a loosening of protocols and increased exposure to the pathogens has driven cases back up. —**Forbes**
- Eight southern states, including many with a vaccination rate well below the national average (50%), comprise roughly 51% of all COVID-19 hospitalizations in the United States. Louisiana and Mississippi recently announced their highest number of COVID-19 hospitalizations since the start of the pandemic. Along with Florida, the two states report nearly half of all ICU beds in use to treat serious COVID-19 patients. The sharp rise in cases has led to an overflow in healthcare facilities, with some hospitals being forced to turn away patients seeking care. —**CNN Health, Washington Examiner**
- The federal Health and Human Services Department is requiring employees who provide care or services for patients to get their COVID-19 shots. The order from HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra will affect more than 25,000 clinicians, researchers, contractors, trainees and volunteers whose job duties require them to regularly interact with patients. In a similar move, the Department of Veterans Affairs will expand its vaccine requirements to more than 245,000 employees, including psychologists, pharmacists, social workers, engineers, housekeepers and others who come into contact with patients and health care workers. —**NPR, AP News, VA.gov**

ACTIONS TAKEN

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

USEFUL RESOURCES

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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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