



COVID-19 OUTBREAK

COVID-19 BRIEFING - 233.1

JANUARY 19, 2021

For Operational Period: January 15-18, 2021

WORLDWIDE

96,095,456 Cases

2,051,742 Deaths

UNITED STATES

24,626,441 Cases

408,623 Deaths

MICHIGAN

585,128 Cases

14,686 Deaths

OUT-WAYNE COUNTY

59,601 Cases

1,899 Deaths

SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

- The first Michigan case of new COVID-19 variant, B.1.1.7. was identified in an adult female living in Washtenaw County by MDHHS Bureau of Laboratories on Saturday (Jan. 16). The person recently traveled to the United Kingdom, where this variant originated. Close contacts of this individual have been identified and are in quarantine. At this time two new cases have been identified from close contacts with the person, but it is not known if they are infected with the variant.—**Michigan.gov**
- Anthony Fauci, the nation's top infectious diseases expert, was optimistic about the timeline for new coronavirus vaccine approvals, saying on Sunday (Jan. 17) that the clearance of new AstraZeneca and Johnson & Johnson shots is likely "weeks away." "I would imagine within a period of a week or so, or at the most a couple of weeks, they're going to be getting their data together and showing it to the [Food and Drug Administration]," he said.—**The Hill**
- Brazil's health regulator has granted emergency approval to two COVID-19 vaccines as the country gears up for a mass inoculation campaign during a devastating second wave of the pandemic. The Anvisa regulator on Sunday approved vaccines from China's Sinovac Biotech and Britain's AstraZeneca for emergency use in Brazil, which has recorded more than 209,000 deaths linked to the novel coronavirus since the start of the crisis.—**Aljazeera News**
- Portugal's public health system is on the verge of collapsing as hospitals in the areas worst-affected by a worrying surge in coronavirus cases are quickly running out of intensive care beds to treat COVID-19 patients. "Our health system is under a situation of extreme pressure," said Health Minister Marta Temido. "There is a limit and we are very close to it."—**The Guardian**

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

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