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COVID-19 OUTBREAK

COVID-19 BRIEFING - 220.1

DECEMBER 18, 2020

For Operational Period: December 17, 2020

WORLDWIDE

75,409,498 Cases

1,671,135 Deaths

UNITED STATES

17,628,568 Cases

317,929 Deaths

MICHIGAN

487,356 Cases

11,801 Deaths

OUT-WAYNE COUNTY

50,140 Cases

1,658 Deaths

SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

- The FDA says that some of the vials of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine being distributed throughout the U.S. contain extra doses and the agency is encouraging hospitals and clinics to use the additional shots to speed up the nationwide immunization campaign. "At this time, given the public health emergency, FDA is advising that it is acceptable to use every full dose obtainable (the sixth, or possibly even a seventh) from each vial, pending resolution of the issue," the FDA reported.—**NPR**
- The State of Michigan has launched a new COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard launched on Monday (Dec. 14) to help Michiganders track information about the vaccine. According to the dashboard, the state has 297 sites enrolled in the vaccine provider program, and 26,325 vaccine doses have been shipped to site so far, according to the dashboard. All those 26,000-doses have gone to hospitals, which are immunizing front-line health-care workers.—**mLive**
- MDHHS and Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget (DTMB) announced there have been 461,192 downloads of MI COVID Alert. The state also rolled out a second option for users to receive the PIN required to anonymously share a positive COVID-19 test result. Even when just 15% of a population used an exposure notification app like MI COVID Alert, researchers from Oxford University found a potential to reduce infections and deaths. Already, nearly 9% of Michigan residents ages 18 to 64 have downloaded MI COVID Alert.—**Michigan.gov**
- Approximately 350,000 Michigan families will continue to have access to additional food assistance benefits during December as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Whitmer and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) announced.—**Michigan.gov**

ACTIONS TAKEN

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

USEFUL RESOURCES

[Holiday Safety](#)

[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](#)

[Prevent Flu](#)

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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