# Welcome and Introductions

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# Today's topics and guests

1. **New: Health and Aging Services Administration (HASA)**
   **Katie Commey, MPH**
   Strategic Partnerships and Special Projects, HASA

2. **COVID-19 Pandemic Update**
   **Jennifer Beggs, MPH**
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3. **Visitation, Testing, and Quarantine guidance:  updates and clarification**
   **Chelsea Ludington, MPH, CIC**
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   Division of Communicable Diseases

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# Integration of Michigan's
# Medical Services Administration (MSA)
# and Adult & Aging Services Agency (AASA)



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Strategic Partnerships and Special Projects
Health and Aging Services Administration

# MSA + AASA = HASA

Announced on October 14, 2021, EO 2021-14 establishes the Health and Aging Services Administration (HASA) within MDHHS to provide more coordinated services to Michigan's growing aging population by combining the former MDHHS Aging and Adult Services Agency (AASA) and Medical Services Administration (MSA) under one umbrella.

# What does this mean for COVID-19 response support for Long-Term Care Facilities?

Staff who provided support under MSA and AASA remain the same.

Contact information FOR COVID-19 related-communications remains:
MDHHS-MSA-COVID19@michigan.gov

Read the full press release HERE

# IMPORTANT UPDATES FOR AFC & HFA OPERATORS RELATED TO COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE

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# COVID Data Tracker

**United States**
At a Glance

Cases Total **45,468,434**
Last 30 Days

Deaths Total **736,048**
Last 30 Days

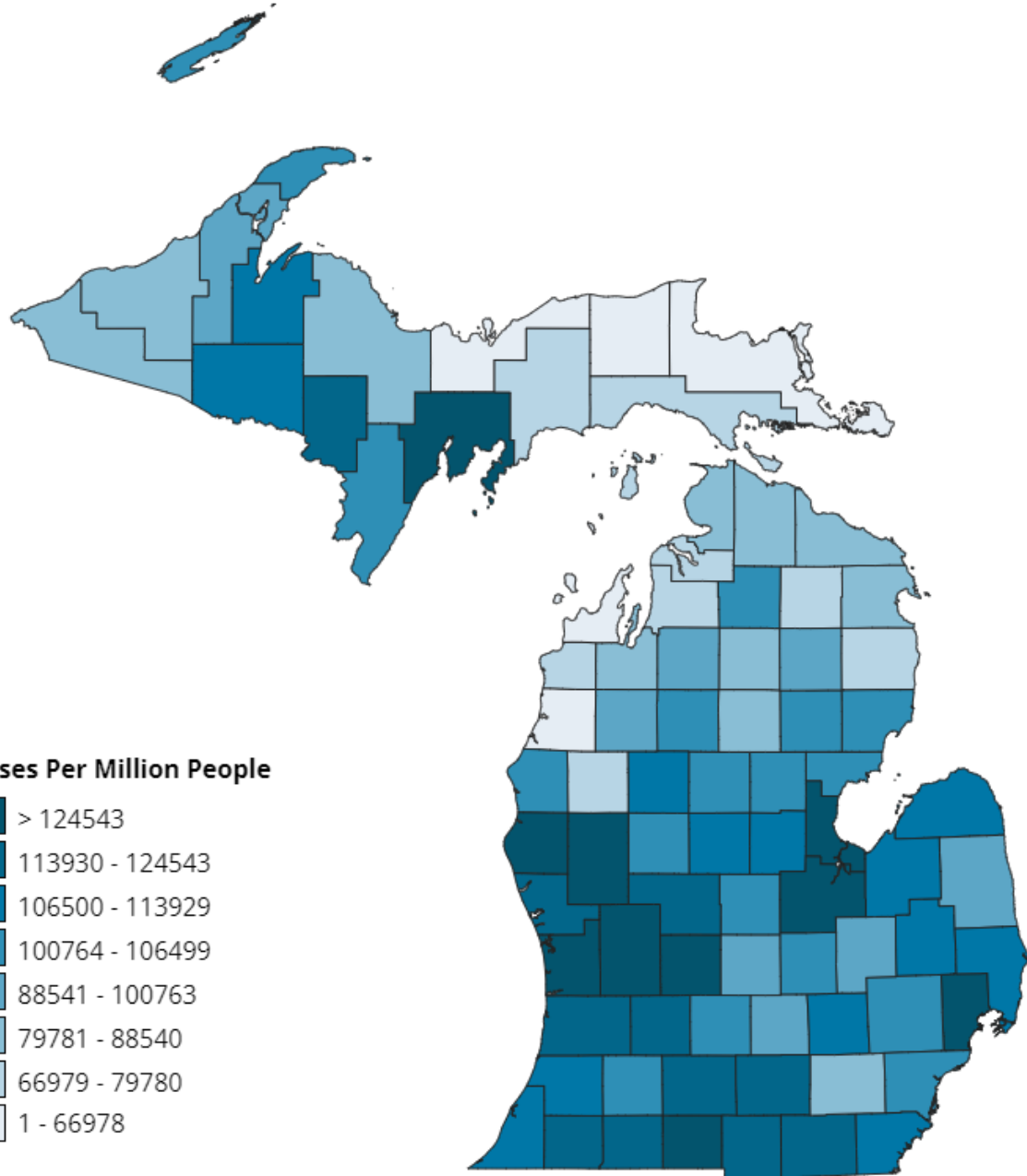**77.7% of People 12+ with At Least**
One Vaccination
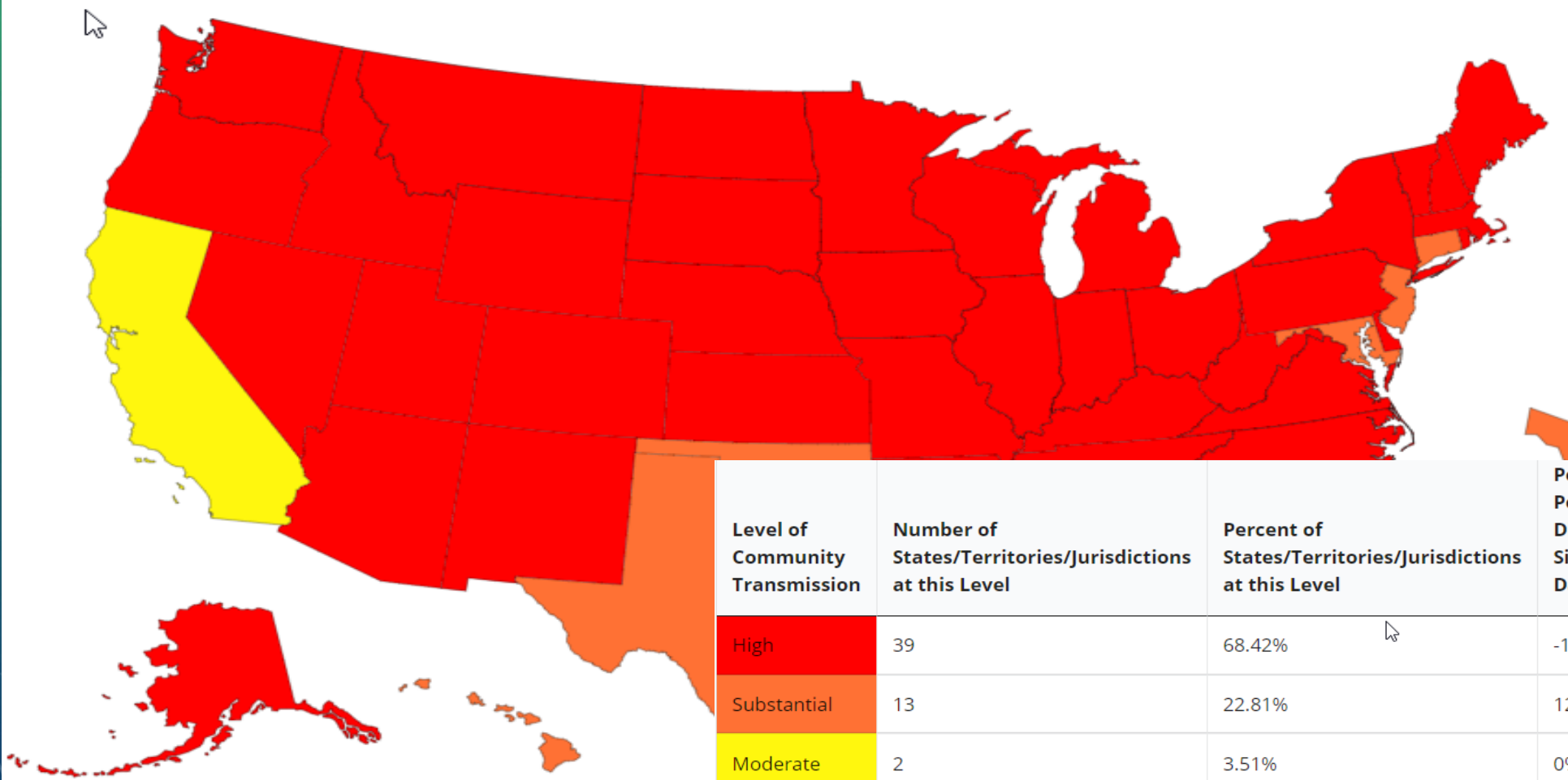
| Level of Community Transmission | Number of States/Territories/Jurisdictions at this Level | Percent of States/Territories/Jurisdictions at this Level | Percentage Point Difference Since 7 Days Ago |
|---|---|---|---|
| High | 39 | 68.42% | -14.04% |
| Substantial | 13 | 22.81% | 12.28% |
| Moderate | 2 | 3.51% | 0% |
| Low | 3 | 5.26% | 1.75% |

Total Confirmed Cases
**1,112,490**

Total COVID-19 Deaths
**21,918**

Saturday - Monday
Daily Confirmed Cases
**7,856***

Saturday - Monday
Daily COVID-19 Deaths
**56****

**Cases Per Million People**

- > 124543
- 113930 - 124543
- 106500 - 113929
- 100764 - 106499
- 88541 - 100763
- 79781 - 88540
- 66979 - 79780
- 1 - 66978

*Note on cases (10/25/2021): Today's daily case count represents new referrals of confirmed cases to the MDSS since the last web update report. Over the three days (Saturday, Sunday, and Monday), the average number of new confirmed cases is ~2618 per day.

**The deaths announced today includes 29 deaths identified during a Vital Records review. See cumulative data page for more information.

Source: www.Michigan.gov/coronavirus

Confirmed Cases, Michigan, 5/1/20-10/25/21

Source: Michigan Disease Surveillance System
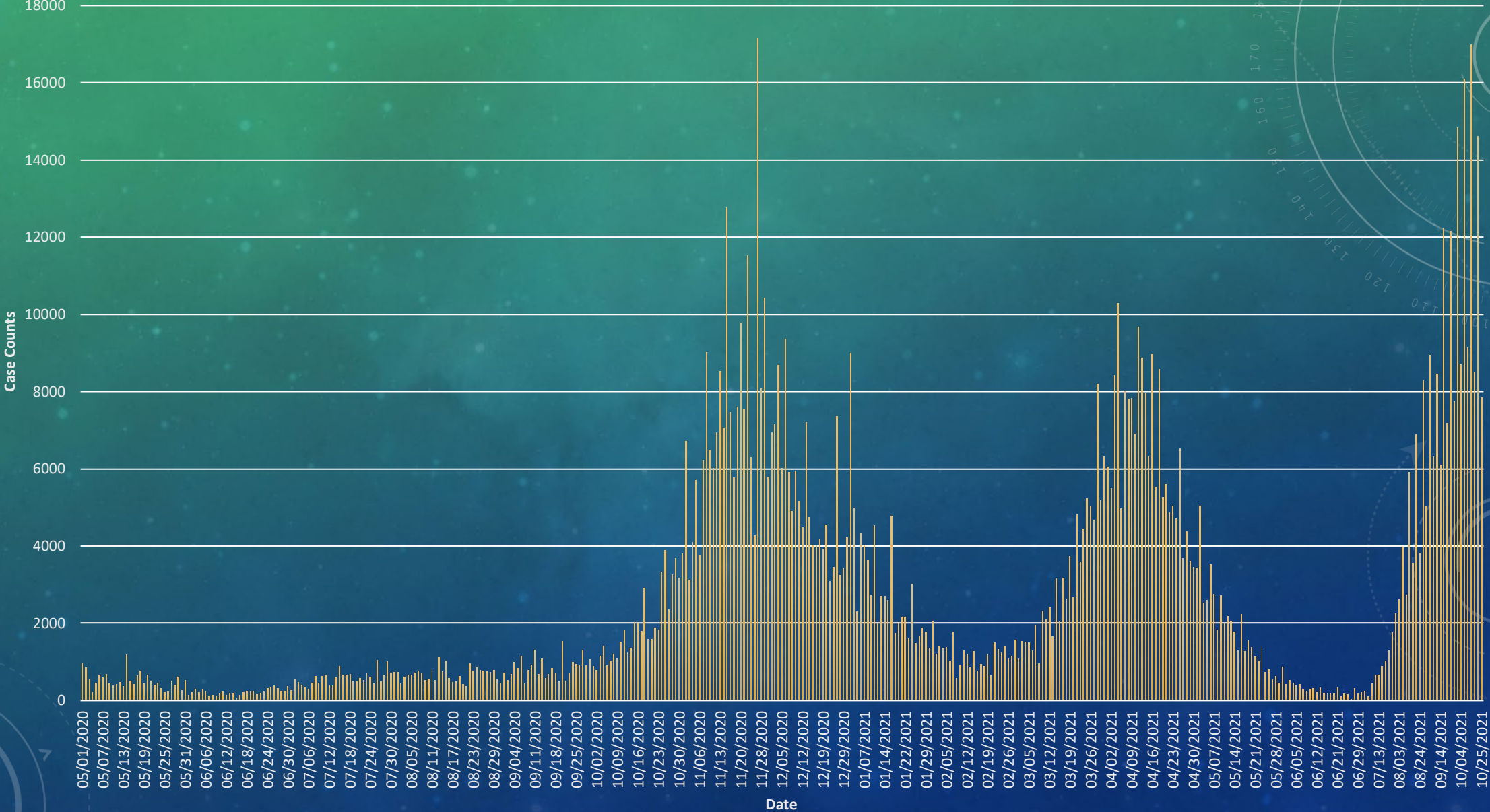
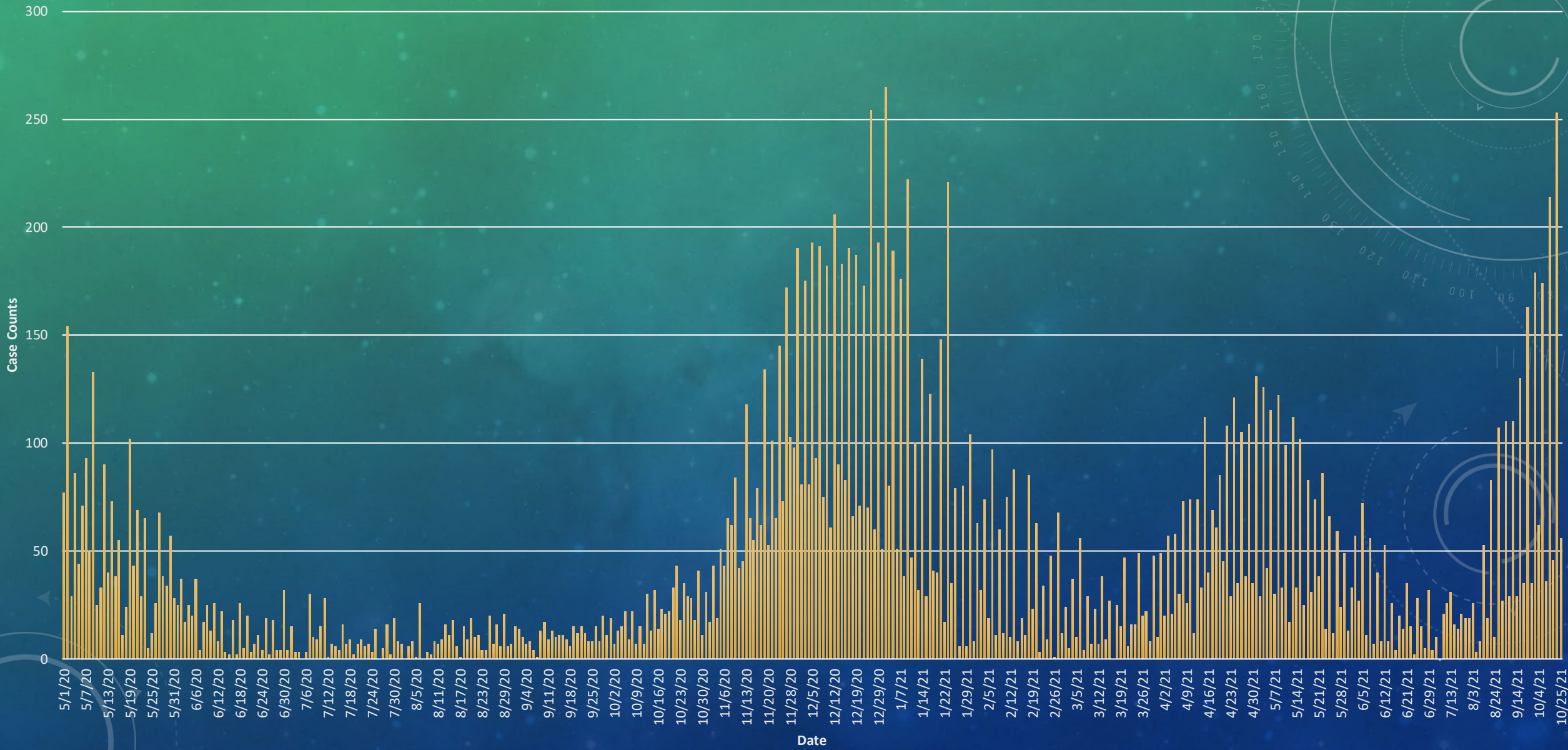Confirmed Deaths, Michigan, 5/1/20-10/25/21

Source: Michigan Disease Surveillance System

# MICHIGAN INDICATORS SHOW INCREASE IN COVID-19 ACTIVITY

- As of 10/26/2021, Michigan remains at <u>High Transmission</u>

- Case Rate (312.8 cases/million) have decreased for ~1 week (315.7 last week)

- Percent of inpatient beds occupied by individuals with COVID (10.5%) has increased for 14 weeks (up from 10.2% last week)

- Deaths (4.0 deaths/million) are increasing for two weeks (3.4 deaths/million last week)

- 11.2 million COVID-19 vaccine doses administered, 53.3% of population is fully vaccinated (5.3 million people)

- 137 new outbreaks were identified in the past week

- 678 ongoing outbreaks as of 10/26/21

# NUMBER OF OUTBREAKS BY SETTING, MICHIGAN, 10/21/2021



| Site type | Outbreaks by ongoing/new classification, # | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Ongoing | New | Total |
| K-12 SCHOOL | 412 | 75 | |
| SNF/LTC/OTHER ASSISTED LIVING | 118 | 26 | 144 |
| MANUFACTURING, CONSTRUCTION | 31 | 10 | 41 |
| CHILDCARE/YOUTH PROGRAM | 23 | 2 | 25 |
| *SOCIAL GATHERING | 14 | 5 | 19 |
| CORRECTIONS | 13 | 3 | 16 |
| OTHER | 11 | 4 | 15 |
| *RETAIL | 10 | 5 | 15 |
| *RESTAURANTS AND BARS | 9 | 1 | 10 |
| HEALTHCARE | 7 | 3 | 10 |
| COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY | 9 | 0 | 9 |
| OFFICE SETTING | 8 | 1 | 9 |
| *SHELTERS | 5 | 0 | 5 |
| *RELIGIOUS SERVICES | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| *COMMUNITY EXPOSURE - INDOOR | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| *PERSONAL SERVICES | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| *COMMUNITY EXPOSURE - OUTDOOR | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| AGRICULTURAL/FOOD PROCESSING | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| TOTAL | 678 | 137 | 815 |

Total number of active outbreaks is **up 5%** from previous week, with 137 new outbreaks identified

K-12 schools reported the greatest number of new outbreaks and clusters (75) this week, although there was a decrease in reported new outbreaks and clusters since last week (↓ 25, ↓25%)

The next greatest number of new outbreaks was among SNF/LTC (26), followed by manufacturing/construction (10), retail (5), social gathering (5), and 8 other settings with at least 1 new outbreak in the last week.

# KEY MESSAGES: COVID-19 IS SPREADING FASTER WITH DELTA
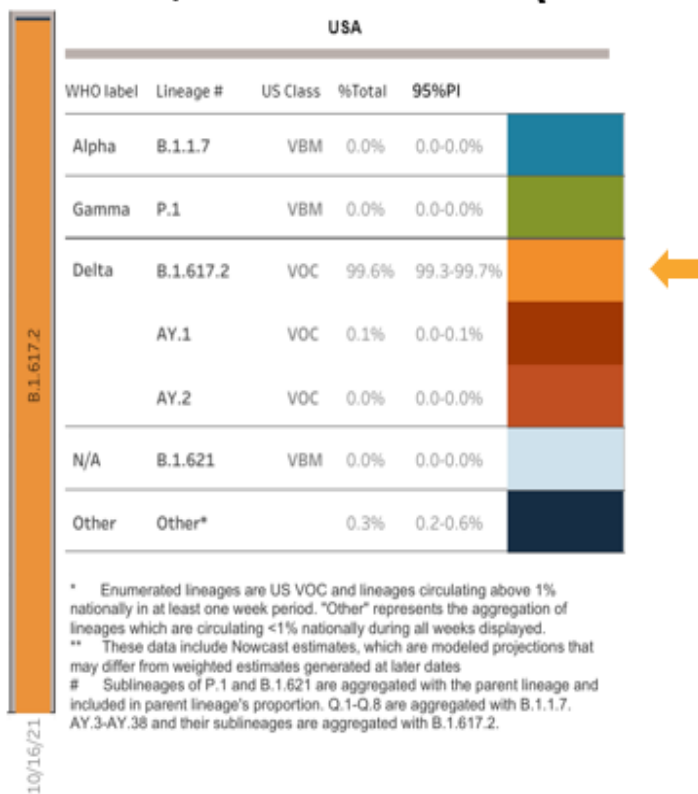
- Delta variant (B.1.617.2) causes severe infections and is highly infectious

  - New variant identified in the UK AY.4.2 sub-lineage

- Statewide positivity has increased to 11.4% (last week 11.3 %)

- Of Michigan specimens that had a collection date from within the last 4 weeks and were sequenced as a variant of concern, 100% were identified as the Delta variant.
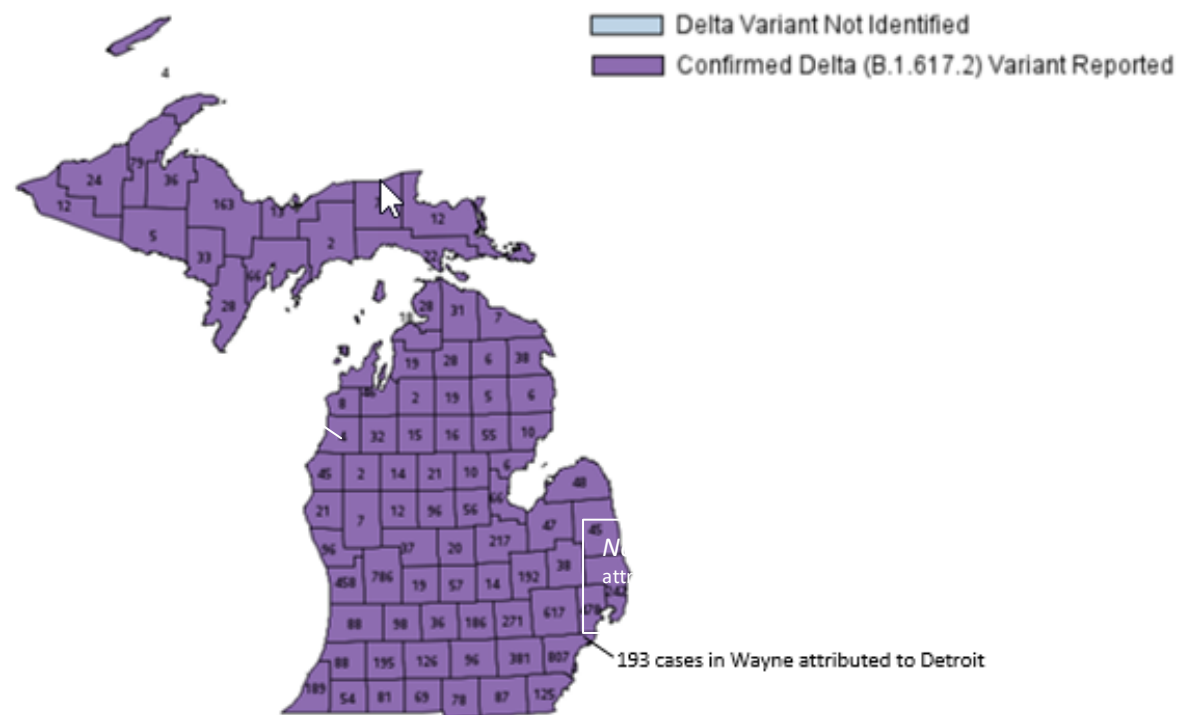
# IDENTIFIED COVID-19 CASES CAUSED BY ALL VARIANTS OF CONCERN (VOC) IN US AND MI



SARS-CoV-2 Variants Circulating in the United States, Oct 10 – Oct 16 (NOWCAST)

| WHO label | Lineage # | US Class | %Total | 95%PI | |
|-----------|-----------|----------|--------|-----------|---|
| Alpha | B.1.1.7 | VBM | 0.0% | 0.0-0.0% | |
| Gamma | P.1 | VBM | 0.0% | 0.0-0.0% | |
| Delta | B.1.617.2 | VOC | 99.6% | 99.3-99.7% | |
| | AY.1 | VOC | 0.1% | 0.0-0.1% | |
| | AY.2 | VOC | 0.0% | 0.0-0.0% | |
| N/A | B.1.621 | VBM | 0.0% | 0.0-0.0% | |
| Other | Other* | | 0.3% | 0.2-0.6% | |

\*   Enumerated lineages are US VOC and lineages circulating above 1% nationally in at least one week period. "Other" represents the aggregation of lineages which are circulating <1% nationally during all weeks displayed.
\*\*   These data include Nowcast estimates, which are modeled projections that may differ from weighted estimates generated at later dates
#   Sublineages of P.1 and B.1.621 are aggregated with the parent lineage and included in parent lineage's proportion. Q.1-Q.8 are aggregated with B.1.1.7. AY.3-AY.38 and their sublineages are aggregated with B.1.617.2.

Variants of Concern in Michigan, Oct 25

Delta Variant Not Identified
Confirmed Delta (B.1.617.2) Variant Reported

193 cases in Wayne attributed to Detroit

| Variant | MI Reported Cases¶ | # of Counties | MDHHS Sequenced Prevalence |
|---------|-------------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| B.1.617.2 (delta) | 7,853 | 83 | 100% |

# COMMUNITY MITIGATION MEASURES

- Get vaccinated

- Stay home if sick

- Socially distance at least 6 feet

- Wear a face covering

- Practice good hand hygiene frequently

- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue and immediately throw tissue away

- Frequently disinfect high-touch surfaces

*Currently, CDC recommends all individuals, regardless of vaccination status, should wear masks indoors.

QUESTIONS?

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# Quick Access

- Accordion drop downs
- Contains document links
- CRC and CRF tab enhanced

# Visitation

**Residential Care Facilities**
**May 21, 2021 Order Guidance**

Michigan.gov/Coronavirus

## Issued October 7, 2021

- Facilities follow Epidemic Order May 21, 2021

- Aligned with CMS QSO 20-39-NH (revised 4/27/21)

- If not explicitly addressed in either MDHHS Order or CMS QSO, facilities can consider their own circumstances and infection control protocol to inform operations.

# Visitation, Continued

- Schedule visits by appointment

- Number of visitors per resident and visitor age limit are dependent on facility resources and ability to maintain infection prevention core principles per CMS QSO 20-39-NH (revised 4/27/21)

- Disallow visitation during the resident's aerosol-generating procedure or respiratory specimen collection

# Visitation, Continued

- MDHHS strongly encourages including temperature checks as part of your screening process

- [Educate](#) visitor on infection prevention practices
  - Masking
  - Hand Hygiene
  - Social Distancing
  - [CDC guidance](#)

# Testing

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October 12, 2021

Order under MCL 333.2253
Testing in Skilled Nursing Facilities, Homes for the Aged,
and Adult Foster Care Facilities
Rescission of May 5, 2021 Order

- Adult Foster Care 13 beds or more

- Home for the Aged

- Nursing Homes

- Aligns with CMS QSO 20-38-NH (revised 9/10/21)

# CMS QSO 20-38-NH (revised 9/10/21) uses an outbreak testing summary

**Table 1: Testing Summary**

| Testing Trigger | Staff | Residents |
|---|---|---|
| Symptomatic individual identified | Staff, vaccinated and unvaccinated, with signs *or* symptoms must be tested. | Residents, vaccinated and unvaccinated, with signs *or* symptoms must be tested. |
| *Newly identified COVID-19 positive staff or resident in a facility that can identify close contacts* | *Test all staff, vaccinated and unvaccinated, that had a higher-risk exposure with a COVID-19 positive individual.* | *Test all residents, vaccinated and unvaccinated, that had close contact with a COVID-19 positive individual.* |
| *Newly identified COVID-19 positive staff or resident in a facility that is unable to identify close contacts* | *Test all staff, vaccinated and unvaccinated, facility-wide or at a group level if staff are assigned to a specific location where the new case occurred (e.g., unit, floor, or other specific area(s) of the facility).* | *Test all residents, vaccinated and unvaccinated, facility-wide or at a group level (e.g., unit, floor, or other specific area(s) of the facility).* |
| Routine testing | According to Table 2 below | Not *generally* recommended |

# Contact Tracing Outbreak Testing

**Table 1: Testing Summary**

| Testing Trigger | Staff | Residents |
|---|---|---|
| *Newly identified COVID-19 positive staff or resident in a facility that can identify close contacts* | *Test all staff, vaccinated and unvaccinated, that had a higher-risk exposure with a COVID-19 positive individual.* | *Test all residents, vaccinated and unvaccinated, that had close contact with a COVID-19 positive individual.* |

- Upon identification of a single new COVID case, staff or resident, outbreak testing should begin

- Close contacts identified for testing
  - Line list to trace contact with positive case
  - Needs someone with contract tracing experience
  - Needs resources (person & time) to complete

# Group / Facility Outbreak Testing

**Table 1: Testing Summary**

| Testing Trigger | Staff | Residents |
|---|---|---|
| *Newly identified COVID-19 positive staff or resident in a facility that is unable to identify close contacts* | *Test all staff, vaccinated and unvaccinated, facility-wide or at a group level if staff are assigned to a specific location where the new case occurred (e.g., unit, floor, or other specific area(s) of the facility).* | *Test all residents, vaccinated and unvaccinated, facility-wide or at a group level (e.g., unit, floor, or other specific area(s) of the facility).* |

- Upon identification of a single new COVID case, staff or resident, outbreak testing should begin

- Identify unit, floor, or other specific area for testing

- Facility-wide testing should begin if outbreak continues

# Staff Testing Summary

## Uses [CDC COVID Data Tracker](#)

**Table 2: Routine Testing Intervals by *County COVID-19 Level of Community Transmission***

| *Level of COVID-19* Community *Transmission* | Minimum Testing Frequency of Unvaccinated Staff[+] |
|---|---|
| **Low** *(blue)* | *Not recommended* |
| *Moderate (yellow)* | *Once a week** |
| *Substantial (orange)* | *Twice* a week* |
| **High** *(red)* | Twice a week* |

[+]Vaccinated staff do not need *to* be routinely tested.

*This frequency presumes availability of Point of Care testing on-site at the nursing home or where off-site testing turnaround time is <48 hours.

# Staff Testing Summary, Continued

- Routine testing of unvaccinated staff

- Level of community transmission
  - Monitor every other week
  - Transmission increases move to higher testing cadence
  - Transmission decreases continue current cadence until community transmission has remained at lower level for 2 weeks
  - Maintained lower community transmission then decrease testing cadence

# Testing, Continued

- Hospice facilities licensed by the state as a nursing home has same testing cadence

- Asymptomatic individuals recovered from COVID-19 within the last 3 months are exempt unless symptomatic
  - Documented in resident's diagnosis
  - Medical documentation in staff member's file
  - Documentation retained for at least 12 months

# Testing, Continued

- Obtain testing consent documentation
  - Protocol for test refusal (staff or resident)
  - Positive test result begins outbreak precautions following [CDC](#) and MDHHS guidance
  - Positive test result begins outbreak testing protocol

# Testing, Continued

- Vaccination status documentation
  - Resident's medical record reflecting vaccination given
  - Michigan Care Improvement Registry or immunization record from local health department, hospital, pharmacy, or health system
  - Presentation of a valid CDC vaccination card

# LTC Testing Implementation Guidance

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**MEMORANDUM**

Date:       October 12, 2021

To:         Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs), Homes for the Aged (HFAs), and Adult Foster Care homes (AFCs) licensed to care for 13 or more individuals

From:       Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS)

Subject:    Updated: Implementation of Required COVID-19 Testing

- Provides additional contact tracing guidance for individual with confirmed COVID-19
  - Who developed symptoms, consider exposure window to start 2 days before symptom onset

# LTC Testing Implementation, Continued

- Provides additional contact tracing guidance for individual with confirmed COVID-19

  o Who never develop symptoms, start of infection more challenging
    - Exposure date KNOWN - 2 days AFTER their exposure
    - Exposure date UNKNOWN – 2 days PRIOR the positive test collection

# LTC Testing Implementation, Continued

- Test any resident or staff with symptoms of COVID-19

    o Whether testing by identified close contacts or broad testing approach

    - Test regardless of vaccination status

    - Test immediately but no earlier then 2 days after the exposure and, if negative, test again 5 to 7 days later

    - Testing should continue, if additional cases are identified, every 3 to 7 days until no new cases for 14 days

# LTC Testing Implementation, Continued

- Facilities may also consider testing unvaccinated residents, staff, and visitors in the following scenarios:

  - Testing of all new or returning residents during intake unless tested in the 72 hours prior to intake

  - Testing of all newly hired staff on their start date or in the 72 hours prior to start date

  - Testing asymptomatic residents who leave the facility frequently

  - While not required, testing visitors to help facilitate visitation

  - Testing of all visitors over the age of 13 prior to entry for indoor visitation (with the exception of visits at the end of life)

# Infection Prevention

# Quarantine

GUIDANCE TO PROTECT RESIDENTS OF LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES
Quarantine and Testing Protocols

Michigan.gov/Coronavirus

Revised October 7, 2021

- Aligned with CMS QSO 20-39-NH (revised 4/27/21)

- Aligned with CMS QSO 20-38-NH (revised 9/10/21)

- CDC Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations to Prevent SARS-CoV-2 Spread in Nursing Homes (revised 9/10/21)

# Quarantine

| | Known Exposure | Symptomatic | Leave is LESS than 24 hours AND no known exposure or symptoms | Leave is MORE than 24 hours AND no known exposure or symptoms | New Admission |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **How to Determine Quarantine Status** | | | | | |
| *Leave = medical appointment, dialysis, hospital stay, family or community outing, etc. | | | | | |
| **Resident Fully Vaccinated[1]** | NO Quarantine[2] | Quarantine | NO Quarantine | NO Quarantine | NO Quarantine |
| **Resident NOT Fully Vaccinated[1]** | Quarantine[3] | Quarantine | NO Quarantine | Quarantine Assess risk of exposure[4,5,6] | Quarantine[6] |
| **Resident COVID-19 Recovered in past 90 days** | NO Quarantine[2] | Quarantine[7] | NO Quarantine | NO Quarantine | NO Quarantine |

- Fully vaccinated residents who are exposed do not need to quarantine

- NOT fully vaccinated resident who left facility for MORE than 24 hours CDC recommends doing a risk assessment for exposure

# Contact Us

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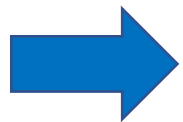
💻 www.Michigan.gov/IPRAT

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**IPRAT**
Infection Prevention Resource and Assessment Team

**Reminder**

A recording of today's presentation will be sent to the groups below, and they will email it to their members.

- Community Mental Health Association of Michigan
- Michigan Assisted Living Association
- Michigan Center for Assisted Living
- Leading Age of Michigan

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**Vaccines:** MDHHS-COVID-Longtermcare@Michigan.gov

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