

# Dr. Natasha Bagdasarian

## Chief Medical Executive for the State of Michigan

Dr. Natasha Bagdasarian, MD, MPH, FIDSA, is the Chief Medical Executive for the State of Michigan, in which she provides overall medical guidance for the State of Michigan as a cabinet member of the Governor, and oversees public health and aging programs, Medicaid, and behavioral health for MDHHS.

For the last year Dr. Natasha Bagdasarian served the State of Michigan in the role of Senior Public Health Physician with the Department of Health and Human Services, where she oversaw the SARS-CoV-2 testing strategy for the state and helped bring rapid testing technologies to vulnerable populations. Since early 2020 she has served as a consultant for the World Health Organization (WHO), providing technical guidance on outbreak preparedness and COVID-19.

Dr. Bagdasarian completed medical school at Wayne State University; internal medicine residency and infectious diseases fellowship at the University of Michigan; and she received a Master's in Public Health degree in hospital and molecular epidemiology, from the University of Michigan School of Public Health. She is board certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine in both Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases, and has been elected a Fellow of the Infectious Diseases Society of America.

She has worked in Michigan and internationally for the last decade and has 40 publications on topics in infectious diseases and public health, including guidance on infection prevention and control of the SARS-CoV-2 virus which causes COVID-19. She has held teaching appointments at the University of Michigan, Wayne State University, and the National University of Singapore, and has won several teaching awards.

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