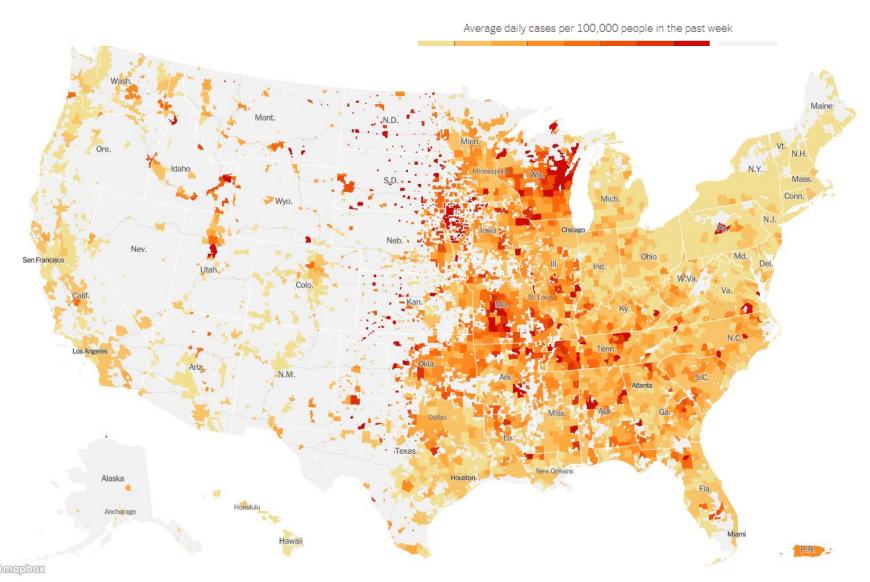


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COVID-19 Vulnerabilities and Lessons Learned

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Hotspots in the prior week



Prevent COVID-19 Spread:

Robust Testing in Communities and High-Risk Settings

Michigan has reached 30,000 tests per day, the Governor's ambitious goal for testing level



Community Testing

- Testing access statewide
- Free & asymptomatic testing
- Marginalized communities



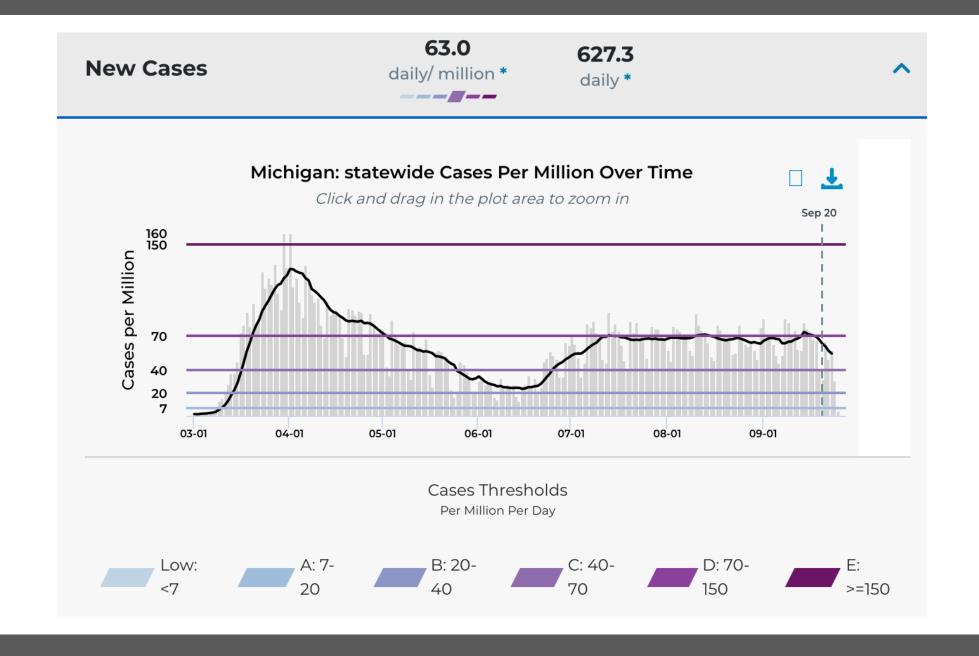
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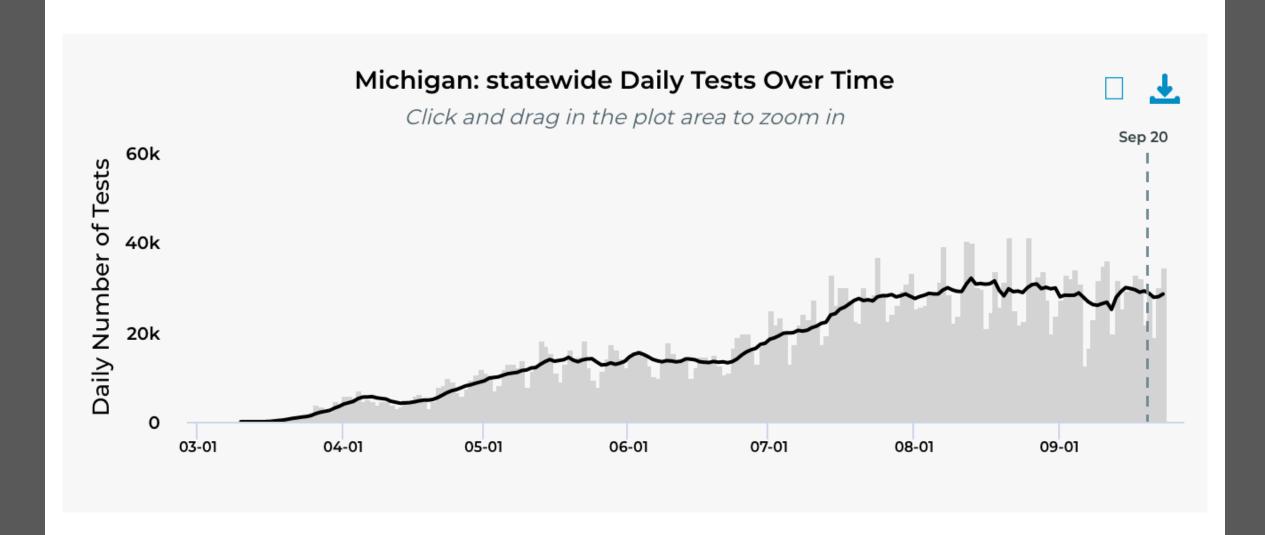
- Nursing homes
- Prisons & jails
- Agricultural settings
- Outbreak response
- Others

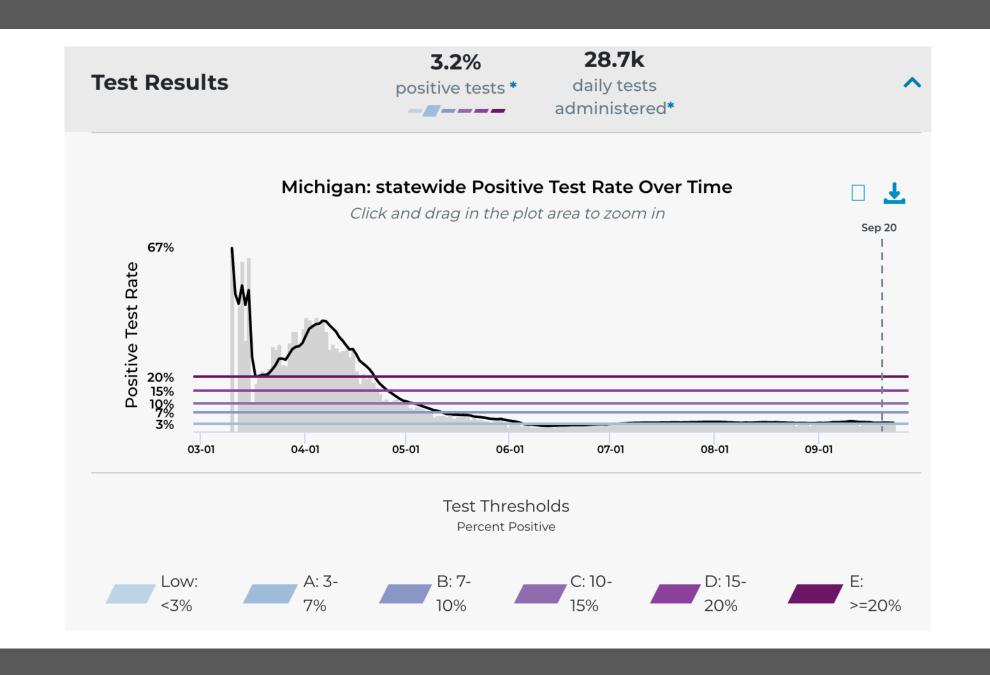


Supply Chain

- Laboratory capacity
- Supplies: test kits, swabs, transport media
- Connecting labs with test sites







What types of lab tests are out there?

Molecular Tests (PCR)

- Typically the highest sensitivity and specificity
- Most expensive test
- Requires well developed labs

Serology Tests (Antibody)

- Not currently meant for diagnosis of disease
- Can provide evidence of exposure
- Does NOT indicate protective immunity

Rapid Tests

- Generally broken into rapid Antigen and rapid Molecular style
- Typically lowest sensitivity and specificity
- Rapid results and cost effective
- Antigen vs Isothermal nucleic acid amplification

Rapid Antigen Tests

- Performed on nasopharyngeal, nasal, or oral swabs either directly or after placing the swab in transport media
- The test targets a specific protein of the virus (nucleocapsid protein)
- Qualitative results (i.e. Positive, Negative) only
- Due to nature of tests false positives and false negatives are more common



Antigen Tests

Pros

- Rapid (results in 15-30 minutes)
- Cost Effective
- Waived testing environment
- Best use is for:
 - symptomatic patients in high prevalence populations,
 - outbreak situations,
 - triaging,
 - congregate care settings with confirmed cases,
 - remote population areas

Cons

- Considerations of confirmatory testing or medical monitoring are essential
- Less sensitivity and specificity compared to molecular tests
- May need to confirm tests in some settings

CONSIDERATIONS FOR INTERPRETING ANTIGEN TEST RESULTS IN NURSING HOMES

