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MICHIGAN

Daily Cases: 497
Total Cases: 50,079
Daily Deaths: 38
Total Deaths: 4,825

OHIO

Daily Cases: 549
Total Cases: 25,349
Daily Deaths: 43
Total Deaths: 1,431

INDIANA

Daily Cases: 614
Total Cases: 26,655
Daily Deaths: 42
Total Deaths: 1,550

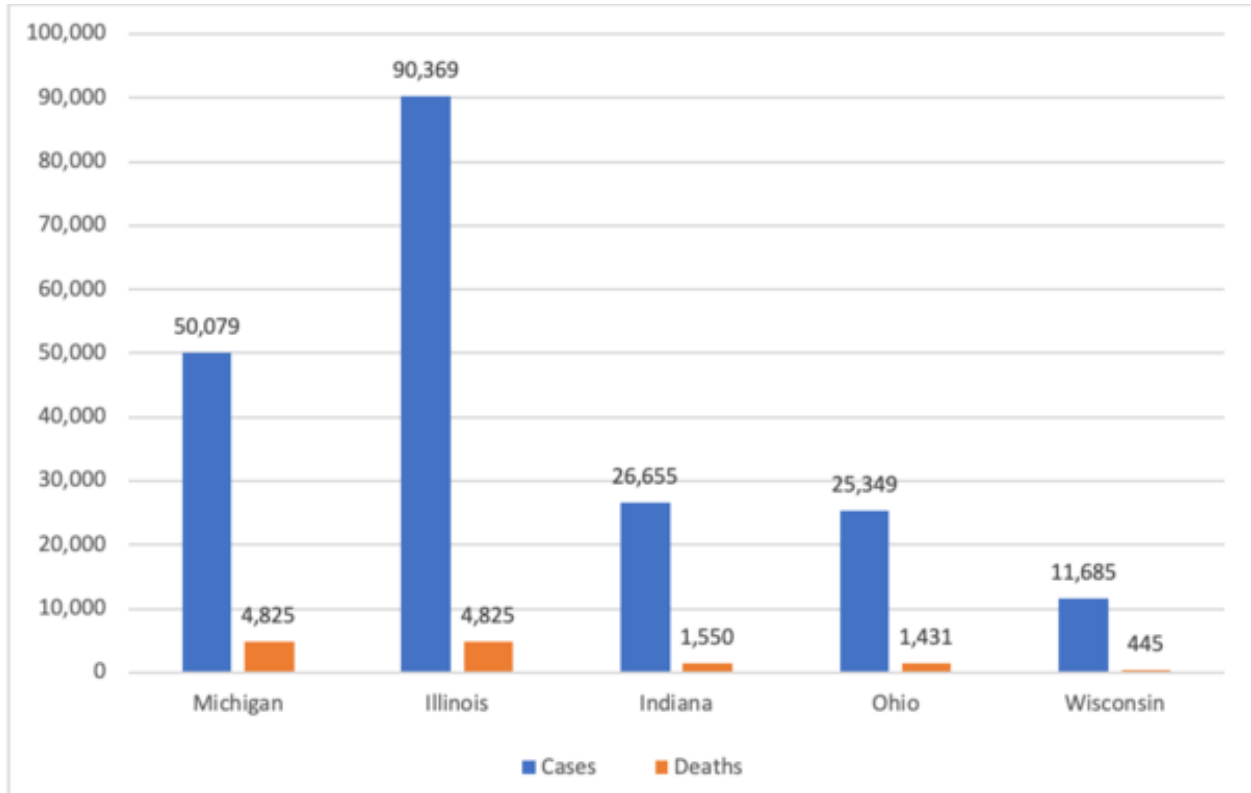
ILLINOIS

Daily Cases: 2,432
Total Cases: 90,369
Daily Deaths: 130
Total Deaths: 4,058

WISCONSIN

Daily Cases: 410
Total Cases: 11,685
Daily Deaths: 11
Total Deaths: 445

Statistics updated 05/15/2020



Governor Gretchen Whitmer issued four new Executive Order (hyperlinks below with recent EOs):

- **Executive Order 2020-85** - Extends a prior order prohibiting evictions through June 11.

- **Executive Order 2020-86** - Expands telehealth options through June 10, including services such as mental health care, drug treatment, and home health care services.
- **Executive Order 2020-87** - Provides an extended opportunity for individuals to dispute the assessed value of their property.
- **Executive Order 2020-88** - Creates the Return to Learning Advisory Council.



Council Formed on Reopening Schools

Through Executive Order, Governor Whitmer created an advisory council, which formalizes a process for determining how schools may be able to reopen in the fall. The panel – which will be comprised of students, parents, frontline educators, administrators and public health officials – will be tasked with providing the COVID-19 Task Force on Education within the State Emergency Operations Center with recommendations on how to safely, equitably, and efficiently return to school in the Fall. The State of Michigan will also partner with a national nonprofit organization called Opportunity Labs to bring national expertise to this project.

MICHIGAN ARTICLES

As businesses begin to reopen, the **Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration** has issued workplace guidance for employers and employees. [Click here to read more.](#)

In a hearing over Governor Whitmer's stay-at-home order, **Court of Claims Judge Cynthia Stephens** predicted the case will eventually make it's way to the Supreme Court. [Click here to read more.](#)

Retail business will likely reopen after the current stay-at-home order expires on May 28. [Click here to read more.](#)

The **Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan** issued a statement that Governor Whitmer's stay-at-home order is enforceable, despite the legislature not voting to approve the order. [Click here to read more.](#)

NATIONAL ARTICLES

While European countries worked to use tech to track Coronavirus, **big tech companies** challenged them. [Click here to read more.](#)

The **White House** is struggling to define with metrics what success in the fight against COVID-19 would be. [Click here to read more.](#)

States are reopening, even when data may tell them otherwise. [Click here to read more.](#)

Large cities were once the hotspots for the spread of COVID-19, but now those hot spots have popped up in **small, rural communities**. [Click here to read more.](#)

Bipartisan legislation providing **\$50 billion** to the country's smallest small businesses has been introduced. [Click here to read more.](#)

Description and Links to Governor Whitmer's Executive Orders Related to COVID-19:

We are sharing executive orders with you as they are announced. A complete list with links to each of the Executive Orders is [available here](#).

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[EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-84](#) - Provides standard safety protocols at nursing homes and long-term care facilities.

Additionally, the following website is a source for updated information from the administration: <https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus>.

While these are very uncertain times, please know that the MLC Team is available to answer your questions. Additionally, we will provide regular updates as more information becomes available.

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