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MICHIGAN

Daily Cases: 501
Total Cases: 53,510
Daily Deaths: 69
Total Deaths: 5,129

OHIO

Daily Cases: 657
Total Cases: 28,174
Daily Deaths: 50
Total Deaths: 1,653

INDIANA

Daily Cases: 676
Total Cases: 29,936
Daily Deaths: 48
Total Deaths: 1,764

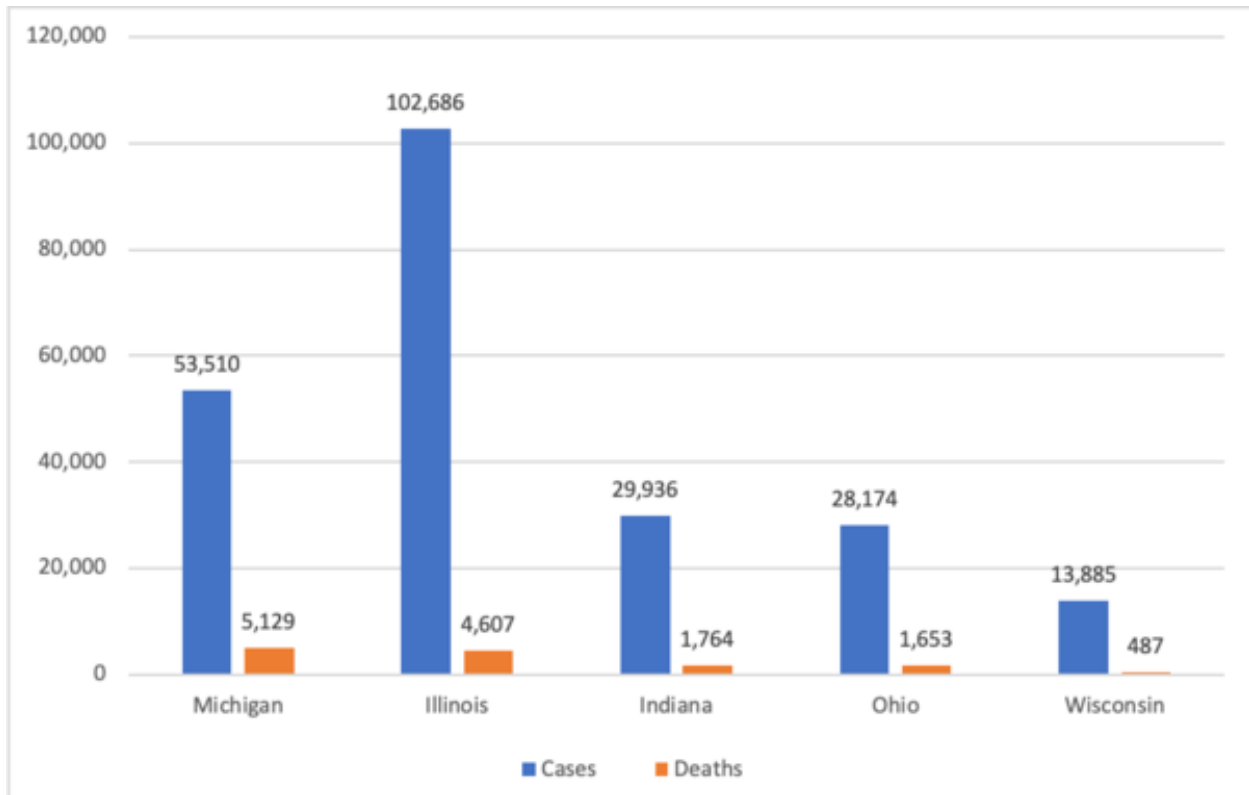
ILLINOIS

Daily Cases: 2,268
Total Cases: 102,686
Daily Deaths: 82
Total Deaths: 4,607

WISCONSIN

Daily Cases: 472
Total Cases: 13,885
Daily Deaths: 6
Total Deaths: 487

Statistics updated 05/21/2020



Governor Gretchen Whitmer issued three new Executive Orders (hyperlinks below with recent EOs):

- **Executive Order 2020-95** - Residents in a long-term care facility will only be released by a hospital to the facility if the facility is capable of safely isolating the resident.
- **Executive Order 2020-96** - Reopens retail business and auto dealerships by appointment, allows nonessential medical, dental, and veterinary procedures, authorizes gatherings of 10 people or less.
- **Executive Order 2020-97** - Reopened outpatient healthcare facilities, primary care physician offices, and dental offices will have to adopt strict protocols to prevent infection.



Michigan Begins to Reopen

Governor Gretchen Whitmer issued an executive order today beginning the process of reopening the state. Beginning May 26, retail businesses can open and auto dealerships may open by appointment. Businesses are expected to continue to utilize social distancing practices. Residents who can medically tolerate a face mask must continue to wear one when in enclosed public spaces. Next, beginning on May 29 the ban on nonessential medical, dental, and veterinary procedures is lifted. Lastly, beginning immediately, people may gather in groups of ten or smaller, as long as they practice social distancing.

MICHIGAN ARTICLES

A **Court of Claims Judge** ruled Governor Whitmer had authority to extend the Emergency Declaration in a case brought by the legislature. [Click here to read more.](#)

Given the constraints of social distancing, the **bar exam** in July will be administered online. [Click here to read more.](#)

Governor Whitmer's administration is giving counties the option to use state **County Veteran Service Fund** grants directly for COVID-19 emergency assistance for veterans and families. [Click here to read more.](#)

Attorney General Dana Nessel joined a coalition of 52 attorneys general to urge Congress to pass the SAFR Act, permitting families of first responders who die or are permanently

disabled as a result of COVID-19 to receive the same federal benefits extended to first responders killed or injured in the line of duty. [Click here to read more.](#)

Some Michigan **healthcare** workers don't feel the state is ready to reopen. [Click here to read more.](#)

NATIONAL ARTICLES

As **areas in the South** move quickly to reopen, they face a potential second wave in the next month. [Click here to read more.](#)

It's not just Governor Whitmer, **governors in several states** are facing criticism from residents over their stay-at-home orders. [Click here to read more.](#)

Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin believes another round of federal aid will be necessary. [Click here to read more.](#)

Some members of Congress fear there may be an **onslaught of lawsuits** related to COVID-19. [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 2020-95](#) - Residents in a long-term care facility will only be released by a hospital to the facility if the facility is capable of safely isolating the resident.

[EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-93](#) - Extends a prior order allowing pharmacists to dispense emergency refills of prescriptions for up to 60 days' worth of supplies and requires insurers to cover up to 90 days' worth of supply.

[EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-92](#) - Allows for a partial reopening in two regions of retail businesses, office work that cannot be done remotely, and restaurants and bars with limited seating.

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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