COVID-19 SPECIAL UPDATE  7.13.2020

Statistics updated 07/13/2020

**MICHIGAN**
Weekly Cases: 3,549  
**Total Cases:** 69,722  
Weekly Deaths: 100  
**Total Deaths:** 6,075

**INDIANA**
Weekly Cases: 3,706  
**Total Cases:** 52,037  
Weekly Deaths: 64  
**Total Deaths:** 2,569

**OHIO**
Weekly Cases: 8,681  
**Total Cases:** 62,913  
Weekly Deaths: 130  
**Total Deaths:** 2,807

**ILLINOIS**
Weekly Cases: 7,548  
**Total Cases:** 154,799  
Weekly Deaths: 173  
**Total Deaths:** 7,193

**WISCONSIN**
Weekly Cases: 4,881  
**Total Cases:** 36,942  
Weekly Deaths: 24  
**Total Deaths:** 820
Governor Gretchen Whitmer issued seven new Executive Orders since our last update (hyperlinks below with recent EOs):

- **Executive Order 2020-144** - Extends protections against water shutoffs through December 31, 2020.
- **Executive Order 2020-145** - Outlines workplace safety guidelines for meatpacking plants to keep employees safe.
- **Executive Order 2020-146** - Temporarily suspends transfers into and from Department of Corrections facilities unless jails adopt certain risk-reduction protocols.
- **Executive Order 2020-147** - Requires the use of masks indoors and in crowded outdoor spaces. Additionally, it requires businesses to refuse entry to people without a mask, with limited exceptions.
- **Executive Order 2020-148** - Specifies certain actions a long-term care facility must take when a resident experiences symptoms of COVID-19.
- **Executive Order 2020-149** - Extends health and safety rules for grocery stores and pharmacies through August 10.
- **Executive Order 2020-150** - Any law or regulation that requires a health care professional to take an exam, be fingerprinted, or take part in continuing education as a condition of obtaining or renewing a license, certification, registration is temporarily suspended.

**E.O. Scales Back the Suspension of Scope of Practice Laws**

Under Executive Order 2020-150, signed today by Governor Whitmer, any law or regulation that requires a health care professional to take an exam, be fingerprinted or take part in continuing education as a condition of obtaining or renewing a license, certification, registration is temporarily suspended.

Professional certifications for individuals in basic life support, advanced cardiac life support and first aid will remain in effect during the current emergency declaration, even if they would otherwise be set to expire.
**Virus tracers** are having a tough time working to contain the virus given the opposition they often face from those they try to contact. [Click here to read more.]

Today is the first day **Governor Whitmer**'s order to businesses to refuse entry to anyone not wearing a mask is in effect. [Click here to read more.]

**Governor Whitmer** held her most recent press conference on July 9. [Click here to watch the video.]

The **Kingdom of Jordan** donated PPE equipment to Michigan. [Click here to read more.]

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**NATIONAL ARTICLES**

**Rising case numbers** are pushing the country toward an explosion of cases that could overwhelm our health system. [Click here to read more.]

As the way we vote changes in response to the pandemic, **election costs** are rapidly increasing. [Click here to read more.]

Concerns are growing among experts at the length of time it's take for **COVID-19 test results**. [Click here to read more.]

**National Geographic** provides a look at how the current surge in cases compares to New York City's peak. [Click here to read more.]

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**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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Additionally, the following website is a source for updated information from the administration: [https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/](https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/)

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