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COVID-19 SPECIAL UPDATE 8.3.2020



MICHIGAN

Weekly Cases: 4,879
Total Cases: 83,386
Weekly Deaths: 58
Total Deaths: 6,212

OHIO

Weekly Cases: 7,506
Total Cases: 88,134
Weekly Deaths: 179
Total Deaths: 3,261

INDIANA

Weekly Cases: 5,526
Total Cases: 68,433
Weekly Deaths: 71
Total Deaths: 2,780

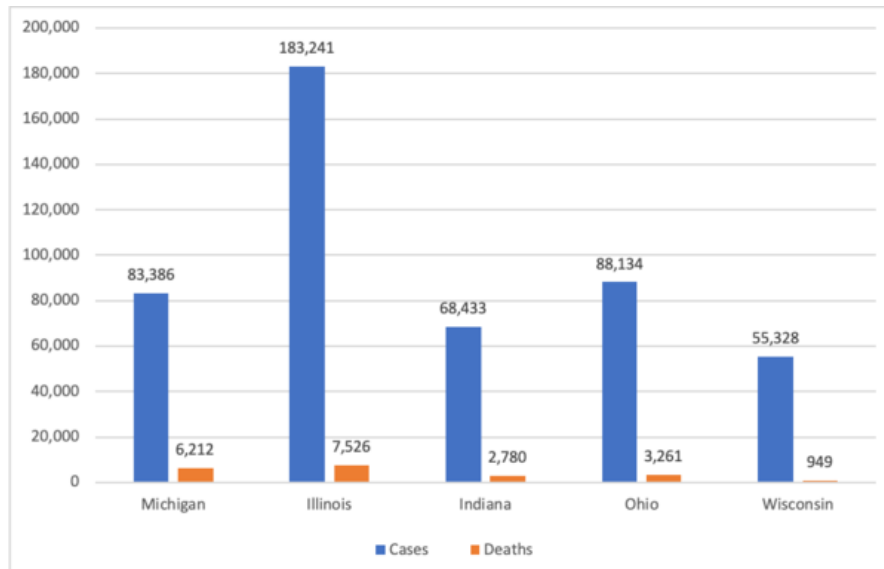
ILLINOIS

Weekly Cases: 10,586
Total Cases: 183,241
Weekly Deaths: 110
Total Deaths: 7,526

WISCONSIN

Weekly Cases: 5,911
Total Cases: 55,328
Weekly Deaths: 56
Total Deaths: 949

Statistics updated 08/03/2020



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

- **Executive Order 2020-159** - Allows colleges and universities to proceed with converting large spaces for instruction without approval or inspection.
- **Executive Order 2020-160** - Limits indoor gatherings to 10 people and requires bars to close indoor service.
- **Executive Order 2020-161** - Requires employers to develop a COVID-19 preparedness and response plan.

Legislative Offices Protocol Changes - Contact MLC for Assistance

Senator Tom Barrett (R-Charlotte) was diagnosed with COVID-19 this weekend. In response, both the House and Senate have cancelled committee meetings and session for the week. There is uncertainty as to what next week's committee and session calendars will look like. Additionally, individual member offices are making their own decisions as to whether they are reporting to work or having staff work remotely. It is our understanding that most, if not all staff, will be tested for COVID-19. If you are in need of communicating with a member or their office and are having difficulties, please contact your lobbyist at MLC. We will provide further updates as they become available.



Deadline Approaching for Grant Fund Applications

Small businesses and nonprofits have until August 5 to apply for grants through the Michigan Small Business Relief Program. The program allocates \$100 million in Federal CARES Act funding and eligible businesses and nonprofits can receive grants of up to \$20,000. To qualify for a grant, a business must meet the following statutory requirements; they have less than 50 employees and can demonstrate if is

effected by the COVID-19 emergency, in need of working capital to support eligible expenses, and can demonstrate an income loss as a result of the pandemic.

[Click here for more information](#)

MICHIGAN ARTICLES

In recognition of the work performed by community health workers throughout the pandemic, Governor Whitmer declared August 2020 as **Community Health Worker Appreciation Month**. [Click here to read more.](#)

Governor Whitmer gave her most recent press conference on July 28. [Click here to view the video.](#)

In Michigan, **local school districts** are making the decisions on whether to return for in-person learning in the fall. [Click here to read more.](#)

NATIONAL ARTICLES

There are dozens of **vaccines** that have made it to, and beyond, phase three trials. [Click here to read more.](#)

Throughout the **US**, where are cases rising, and where are they declining? [Click here to read more.](#)

The **White House** is beginning to mandate random COVID-19 testing for certain staffers. [Click here to read more.](#)

Republicans and Democrats remain at odds over what should be included in the next round of federal aid. [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](#).

[Executive Order 2020-157](#) - Work permits required by the Youth Employment Standards Act can be mailed, emailed, faxed or sent via the web rather than filled-out on special colored paper, as required by statute.

[Executive Order 2020-158](#) - Requirements for in-person notarizations are temporarily suspended and transactions that require a notary to be completed via two-way, real-time audiovisual technology are allowed.

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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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