

# Back to School 2020-2021

## Update January 14

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# This meeting is for School and Health Department Staff

We have limited time to cover all our topics. The slides and recordings will be available on our websites within 1-3 days.

- <https://www.dhd10.org/coronavirus/>
- <https://www.mmdhd.org/novel-coronavirus/>
- <https://www.cmdhd.org/novel-coronavirus>

If you have questions, please send them to:

- For Roscommon, Osceola, Clare, Gladwin, Arenac, Isabella Counties:
  - [info@cmdhd.org](mailto:info@cmdhd.org)
- For Missaukee, Crawford, Kalkaska, Wexford, Lake, Mason, Manistee, Oceana, Newaygo, Mecosta Counties
  - [info@dhd10.org](mailto:info@dhd10.org)
- For Montcalm, Gratiot, Clinton Counties
  - <https://www.mmdhd.org/contact/>

Please make sure all  
needed information is  
passed to school  
secretaries, nurses, etc.

# NEW Epidemic Order

Effective Jan. 16, at 12:01 am to Jan. 31, at 11:59 pm

[https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178\\_98455-549437--,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178_98455-549437--,00.html)

- FAQ available at [https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178\\_98455-549432--,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178_98455-549432--,00.html)
- Capacity Limit Fact Sheet [https://www.michigan.gov/documents/coronavirus/1-13\\_Capacity\\_Limits\\_Fact\\_Sheet\\_v2\\_712831\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/coronavirus/1-13_Capacity_Limits_Fact_Sheet_v2_712831_7.pdf)

# Changes that impact schools

- 5. Schools, colleges, technical schools, and universities.
  - *(a) Gatherings at public, nonpublic, and boarding schools for the purpose of conducting in-person instruction of pupils in prekindergarten through grade 12 are permitted, subject to local health department and school district decisions on remote learning. Gatherings are permitted for the purpose of extracurricular **activities except those that involve physical contact among participants, or where masks cannot be worn.** (“a high degree of exhalation or physical exertion indoors” has been removed)*
  
- 7. Face mask requirement at gatherings.
  - *(f) Participants in gatherings for any exercise activities, group fitness, or organized sports must comply with face mask requirements listed in the [Interim Guidance for Athletics](#).*
  
- 8. Exceptions to face mask requirements
  - *(k) Are giving a speech for broadcast or to an audience, provided that the audience is **at least 12 feet away** from the speaker. (previously this was 6 feet away)*

# Updated School Guidance from MDHHS

- State of Michigan Guidelines for Operating Schools Safely at [https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178\\_104699---,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178_104699---,00.html)
  - Go to [www.mi.gov/coronavirus](http://www.mi.gov/coronavirus), click on “*Resources*” at top, then “*K-12 School Opening Guidance*”
  - Aimed at schools that have yet to offer in person option this school year
- This guidance is intended to update the June 30th, 2020 MI Safe Schools Roadmap and is subject to change based on new developments and new guidance from the CDC.
- References to studies listed at end of the document
- Also second document titled MI Safe Schools: Rationale available at [https://www.michigan.gov/documents/coronavirus/MI\\_SAFE\\_SCHOOLS\\_RATIONALE\\_712473\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/coronavirus/MI_SAFE_SCHOOLS_RATIONALE_712473_7.pdf)

# Updated School Guidance from MDHHS

- Schools are strongly encouraged to provide as much in-person learning as is feasible, especially for young learners (PK-5), economically disadvantaged learners, learners with special education needs, and English language learners.
  - *The goal should be to reach at least half-time for all students.*
  - *Recognize that schools may still need to close if they are experiencing an uncontrolled outbreak, or if they are unable to operate due to quarantined staff*
- Unless subject to a closure order, **school reopening and closing decisions will ultimately be made by local school districts.**
- **Prior guidance based on state reopening phases or local case rate targets is now obsolete**
  - *In its place, this document recommends that, to reopen or remain open under levels of spread now prevailing statewide, schools should continue to adopt and implement strict infection-control measures.*
- Reopening decisions should be made locally, using a holistic assessment of multiple pandemic metrics, and considering the broader COVID context at a given time.

# Updated School Guidance from MDHHS

- SARS-CoV-2 Testing in Schools

- *The state will roll out a voluntary program to offer weekly testing to educators in public schools.*
  - Additional pilot programs may also be offered to school districts that are interested in a limited amount of student testing for the purposes of surveillance.
- *Testing is not a requirement*
- *If interested: Find recorded MDHHS's K-12 School COVID-19 Testing Introductory Webinar at [www.mi.gov/coronavirus](http://www.mi.gov/coronavirus), click on "Resources" at top, then "K-12 School Opening Guidance"*
  - Live webinar was held this morning at 10am

# Updated School Guidance from MDHHS

- Vaccinations

- *Teachers and other school staff are classified as “frontline essential workers” under the MDHHS guidance and are now eligible to receive vaccinations.*

- Federal Funding

- *Michigan’s PK-12 schools are expected to receive more than \$1 billion, largely allocated through a formula driven by Title I.*
- *Schools may use these funds to implement infection mitigation strategies, among other things.*

# Updated School Guidance from MDHHS

## ■ Safety Protocols

- *Designate a point of contact*
- *Cohort students*
- *Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)*
  - Face masks (as defined by MDHHS) must always be worn indoors by all staff and students 5 and older, except for meals and in other limited circumstances.
    - *Can be cloth (multilayer preferred) or disposable surgical or KN95*
    - *Masks should fit snugly, with no gaps, and should be worn over the nose and mouth*
    - *Cloth face masks should be washed daily. Disposable face masks should be disposed of at the end of each day*
    - *Plastic face shields or eye protection may be used in addition to cloth face masks for additional risk mitigation, if desired.*

# Updated School Guidance from MDHHS

- Safety Protocols, continued

- *Hand hygiene*

- *Spacing and movement*

- **Maintain six feet of distance at all times.**

- If physical distancing of six feet cannot be maintained, consider alternative strategies to reduce student density.

- *This may include the use of a hybrid schedule that allows students to maintain six feet of distancing and attend in-person school for at least half-time.*

- If a school district nonetheless proceeds with in-person learning, at a minimum it should:

- *Maintain minimum seated distance of three feet in classrooms*

- *Consider the feasibility of installing barriers/partitions for additional risk mitigation*

- *Ensure that when students are eating at lunch with masks off, they maintain six feet of physical distance to the extent feasible*

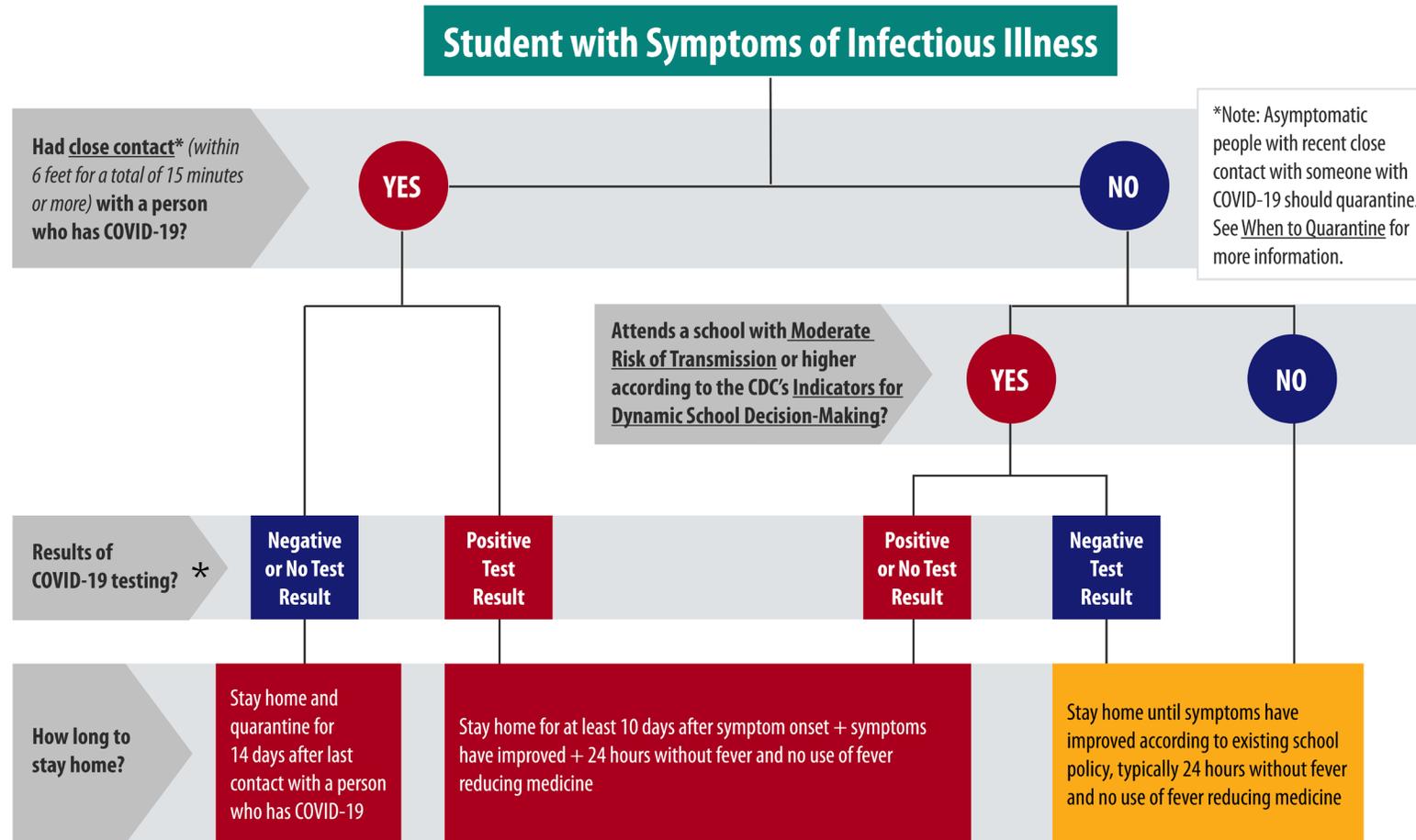
- *Class sizes should be kept to the level afforded by the spacing guidance listed above.*

This is  
**NOT SAYING**  
3 feet is  
allowed

# Updated School Guidance from MDHHS

- Safety Protocols, continued
  - *Spacing and movement, continued*
    - Ventilation
      - *Increase outdoor air ventilation; other info/resources listed*
- Symptomatic Screening
  - *Staff and students should screen for symptoms at home prior to coming to school*
    - If they exhibit any respiratory or gastrointestinal symptoms, or have a temperature of 100.4 or greater, they should stay home
    - [Symptomatic individuals](#) may not attend school until they have tested negative on a molecular (PCR) test or have completely recovered according to [CDC guidelines](#).
      - ***NOTE THIS DOES NOT FOLLOW CDC GUIDELINES!!!***
      - *It should allow PCR OR rapid antigen test, and if test negative, and they have not been exposed to someone with COVID-19, guidance should be to stay home until symptoms have improved according to existing school policy (typically 24 hours without fever and no use of fever reducing medicine)*

# COVID-19 SCHOOL SYMPTOM SCREENING FLOWCHART



**\*Per CDC, COVID-19 testing = COVID-19 viral test, which include those that detect SARS-CoV-2 nucleic acid (a PCR test) or antigen (a rapid antigen test)**

[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

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# Updated School Guidance from MDHHS

- Responding to positive tests
  - *Work with LHD*
- Food service, athletics, and extracurricular activities
  - *Seems unchanged...*
  - *MDHHS orders should be consulted for the most recent requirements on which sports are permitted*
- Surfaces
- Water

# Updated School Guidance from MDHHS

- Workplace safety precautions
  - Refers to guidance issued by the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (MiOSHA) [October 14th Emergency Rules](#), and federal guidance issued by the CDC entitled, ["Operating Schools during COVID-19: CDC's Considerations"](#)
- Quarantine and isolation precautions for staff and students
  - Refers to guidance at [MDHHS website](#)
- Child care and after school programming
  - Encourage schools to allow child care and after school programming to occur in person in school buildings.
  - Licensed child care providers should follow the ["Guidelines for Safe Child Care Operations During COVID-19"](#) issued by the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.

# Vaccine Scheduling

Please be patient with us!

# Vaccine-scheduling

COVID VACCINE	
Critical/Essential Businesses	<a href="#">SIGN UP HERE</a>
Healthcare Workers and Healthcare Organizations	<a href="#">SIGN UP HERE</a>
Persons 75 years and Above OR Critical/Essential Workers	<a href="#">SIGN UP HERE</a>
Persons 65 – 74 years of age OR Persons Ages 16 – 64 with underlying medical conditions	<a href="#">SIGN UP HERE</a>

## CMDHD

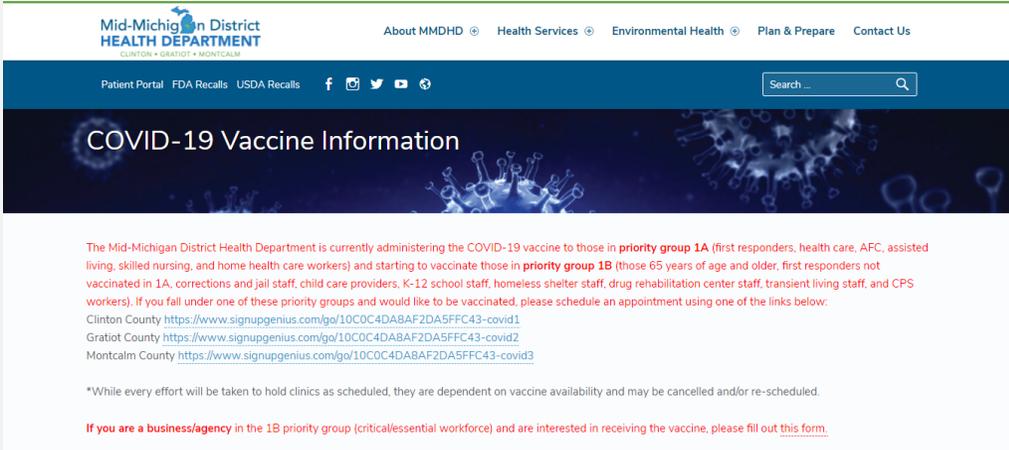
If you have not yet been in communication with your county nurse/health department representative:

- Go to [www.cmdhd.org](http://www.cmdhd.org)
- Click on Critical/Essential Businesses (or have staff click on Critical/Essential Workers)
- Answer the survey questions to the best of your ability
- You will be contacted to schedule vaccination
- Sign up to receive [opt-in emails through our website.](#) (link also here [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScngl9djwvYkUgwBpt7\\_mtoJZkQnCOwDjMGT5sX\\_JEswSquRw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScngl9djwvYkUgwBpt7_mtoJZkQnCOwDjMGT5sX_JEswSquRw/viewform)) We will be including vaccination clinic information as they are scheduled.

# Vaccine-scheduling

MMDHD-if no one has talked with you yet:

- Go to <https://www.mmdhd.org/covid-vaccine-information/>
  - **For Schools: If you are a business/agency** in the 1B priority group (critical/essential workforce) and are interested in receiving the vaccine, please fill out [this form](#).
  - *Individuals click on the sign-up genius link next to county name to schedule appointment*
  - *Sign up to receive our E-Newsletter at the bottom left box of our home page (<https://www.mmdhd.org/>) and you will be notified when we schedule additional clinics.*



The screenshot shows the website for the Mid-Michigan District Health Department. The header includes the department's name and navigation links: About MMDHD, Health Services, Environmental Health, Plan & Prepare, and Contact Us. Below the header is a search bar and a navigation menu with links for Patient Portal, FDA Recalls, and USDA Recalls. The main content area is titled "COVID-19 Vaccine Information" and features a background image of a virus. The text on the page states that the department is currently administering the COVID-19 vaccine to those in priority group 1A (first responders, health care, AFC, assisted living, skilled nursing, and home health care workers) and starting to vaccinate those in priority group 1B (those 65 years of age and older, first responders not vaccinated in 1A, corrections and jail staff, child care providers, K-12 school staff, homeless shelter staff, drug rehabilitation center staff, transient living staff, and CPS workers). It provides links for sign-up genius for Clinton County, Gratiot County, and Montcalm County. A disclaimer states that while every effort will be taken to hold clinics as scheduled, they are dependent on vaccine availability and may be cancelled and/or re-scheduled. A red text box at the bottom of the page states: "If you are a business/agency in the 1B priority group (critical/essential workforce) and are interested in receiving the vaccine, please fill out [this form](#)."

# Vaccine-scheduling

## DHD10

- Go online to <https://www.dhd10.org/covid-19-vaccine/> for current information.
- You can also sign up for our Public Health Alerts at <https://www.dhd10.org/subscribe/> to receive the most up to date information on the COVID-19 vaccine and clinics.

# Update: Joint press release idea re: vaccination

- Ways to promote community uptake of COVID-19 vaccine as a way to keep kids in school
- Joint press release with health department and schools that are interested with that message
- We (health dept) will write it and send copy to our area schools for review
  - *Those that want to be included as supporting the message can let us know*
  - *Can email me [jmorse@cmdhd.org](mailto:jmorse@cmdhd.org)*
- May not happen until MID January-watch your email

# Current COVID-19 Statewide Data

[https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98163\\_98173---,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98163_98173---,00.html)

Total **Per 1M people** Last 90 days Historical

----- Dashed line represents National 7-day average

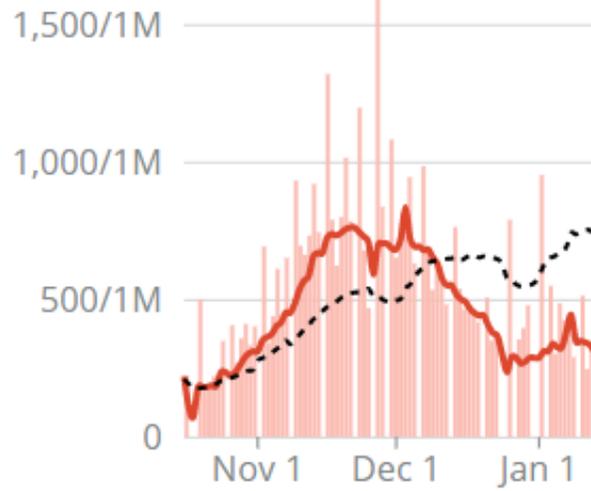
— Solid line represents Michigan 7-day average

### New tests

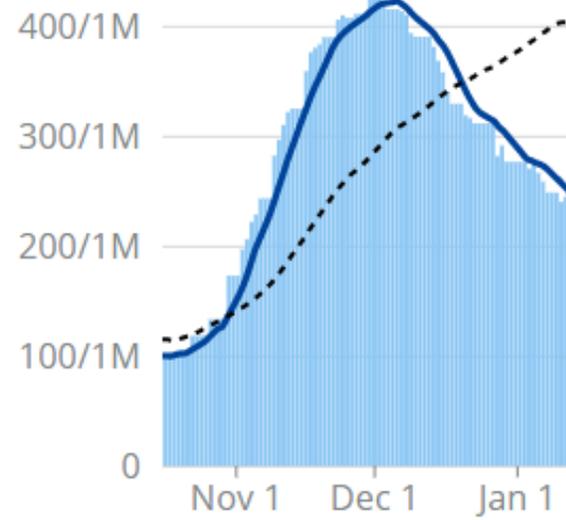
Total PCR tests (specimens)



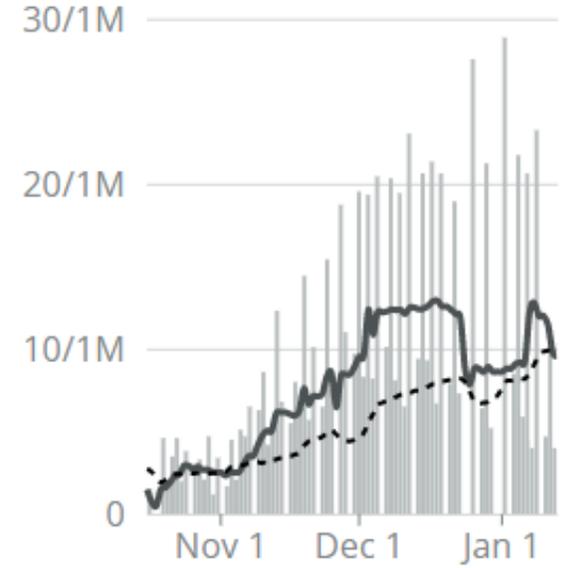
### New cases



### Current hospitalizations

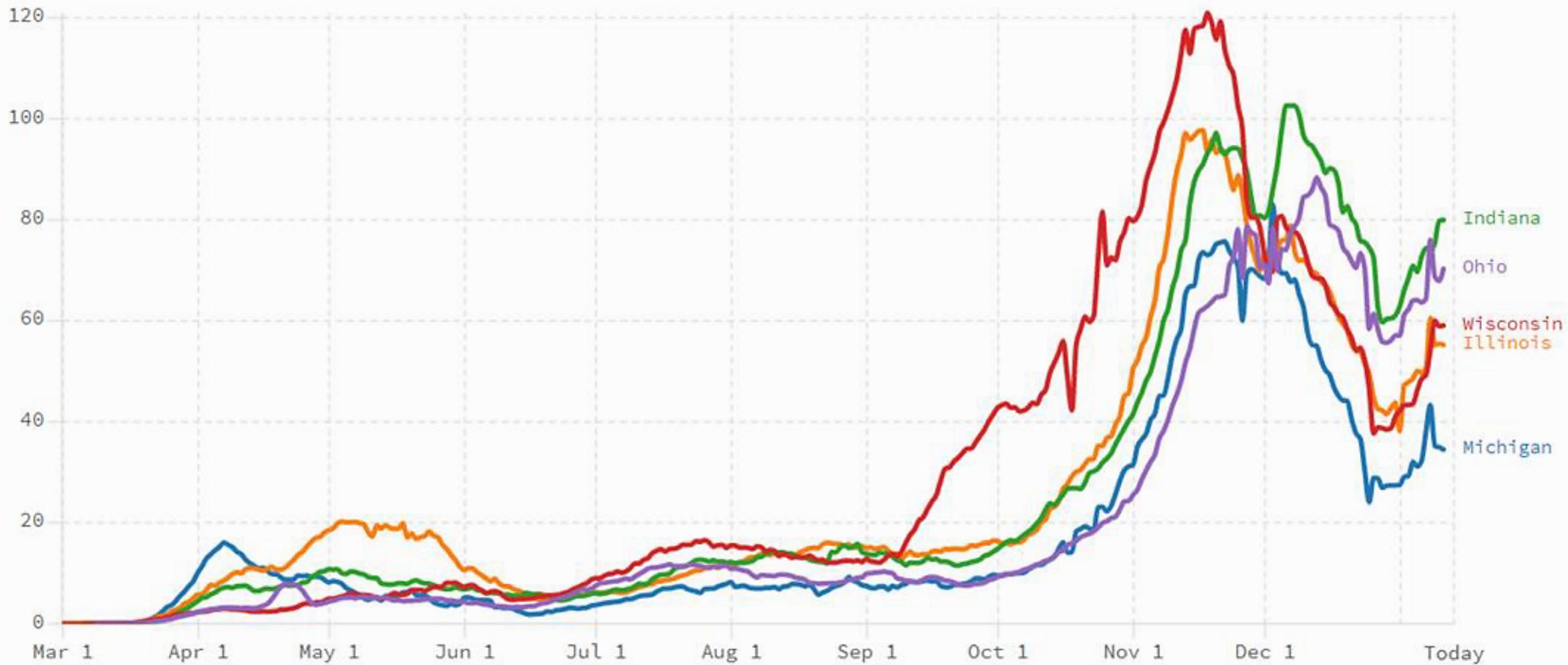


### New deaths

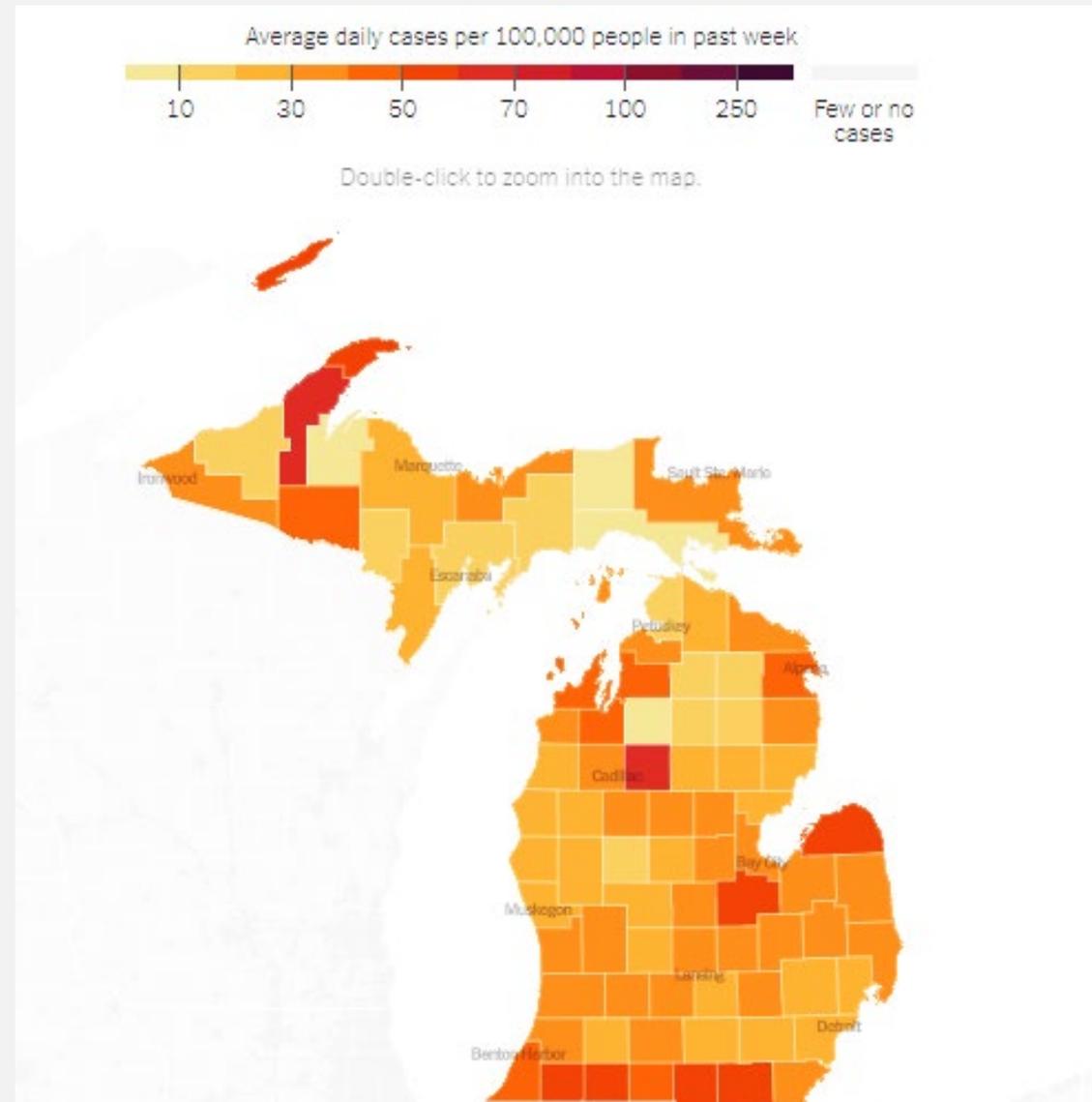


[Chart information and data](#) ↓

CASES PER 100K POPULATION IN MICHIGAN, ILLINOIS, INDIANA, WISCONSIN AND OHIO



# Average daily cases per 100,000 people in past week



<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/us/michigan-coronavirus-cases.html>

# Hospital data

<https://covidtracking.com/data/hospital-facilities#-84.52311336224278,42.18502833354043,6.0564490013111225>

**Estimated Turnaround Times for COVID-19 Diagnostic Testing Results Received at MDHHS During Last 14 Calendar Days (through 01/06/2021)**

<b>Lab Type</b>	<b>Test Count</b>	<b>Transport Time (Days)</b>	<b>Total Turn Around Time (Days)</b>
Commercial	330,485	0.58	2.97
Hospital	168,875	0.27	1.27
Public Health	5,939	0.30	3.08
SNF	57	0.04	29.12
State Total	505,356	0.46	2.37

[https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98163\\_98173-545615--,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98163_98173-545615--,00.html)

# Review of Data

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