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ALERT: MICHIGAN IS NOW IN HIGH TRANSMISSION

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- **Nearly all counties in Michigan are currently in high transmission, as indicated by the red areas on the state map below.** Additionally, there is concern about wider spread materializing from a local outbreak in Mackinaw City among seasonal employees, anticipating the upcoming holiday weekend attracting more tourists. There were 183 active or new outbreak investigations across Michigan for the week ending August 12th. Social gatherings rank among the top outbreak settings. With increased social contact rates and slowing vaccination, modeling scenarios for Michigan predict a COVID-19 surge on the horizon. Hospitalizations are anticipated to grow through September and possibly peak in late September/early October, if hospitalizations follow patterns of prior Michigan waves. However, there is insufficient data to estimate the magnitude (i.e. number of hospitalizations) of any 4th wave.



Source: Dashboard, CDC, MI Start Map



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- The CDC has information on steps you can take to make activities and gatherings safer. Please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/index.html>.

To maximize protection from the Delta variant and prevent possibly spreading it to others, get vaccinated as soon as possible and wear a mask indoors in public settings.

Respectfully,

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