

# DISTRICT 11-E2 NEWSLETTER



*Notable Quotes:* "Knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is knowing not to put it in a fruit salad." — Brian O'Driscoll

## AUGUST 2021

## District Governor's Message



District Governor  
William Gaines

Greetings, Lions of 11-E2,

I'm looking forward to the opportunity to visit each of your clubs during the upcoming year. PDG Rod couldn't visit many clubs last year due to the pandemic, so it's been a long time since many clubs have had a DG visit. I've managed to start attending club meetings and would prefer that you invite me to your meeting for a special occasion or just a time when it's convenient for your club. I will start calling soon to arrange meeting attendance with those clubs that haven't expressed their preference for a meeting time.

Lions International is advocating emphasis on membership maintenance and growth as well as support of LCIF Campaign 100 in its final year. District 11E2's contributions were way down last year as all of our clubs faced fund raising challenges. I am looking forward to a much better year for doing service and fund raising to support that service. Our District has charitable funds that District Clubs have supported over the years that can and should be used to support projects that are individual clubs find difficult to pay for. These funds are: Diabetes and Medical Assistance, Emergency Fund, Hearing and Speech, Photo Screener/ Sight Conservation, Special Needs Camp and Youth Exchange/All State Band. You can contact myself or the appropriate District Committee chairperson if your club needs matching funds in one of these areas. Funds to support some community needs are also available from MD-11 and LCIF, although they may be harder to get and come with specific restrictions.

The next 11E2 cabinet meeting is scheduled at 10:00 A.M. on August 14<sup>th</sup> at St. John Lutheran Church, 710 Spruce St., Grayling, MI and will also be available by Zoom. The meeting notice/ Zoom invitation will be out before the meeting date. Cabinet Officers, District Committee members, Club Presidents, Club Secretaries and Club Treasurers are encouraged to attend. All Lions are welcome. This first Cabinet meeting of the year has usually been followed by training sessions for incoming club officers. This training is very helpful for newly elected officers and should be helpful for those who have problems dealing with the My Lion web site. Please contact PDG Dave Zeller, District GLT if you are interested in training.



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[lionsdistrict11e2.org](http://lionsdistrict11e2.org)

**Note:** This information is up to date at the time of this publication, but is subject to change as adjustments are needed.

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### Lions Of Michigan Multiple District 11-E2 Counties

Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Arenac,  
Charlevoix,  
Cheboygan,  
Crawford, Emmet,  
Gladwin, Iosco,  
Kalkaska,  
Montmorency,  
Ogemaw, Oscoda,  
Otsego, Presque Isle,  
Roscommon



ZONE 1	CLUBS	ZONE 3	CLUBS
N/A	Boyne Valley, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, East Jordan, Indian River, Mackinaw City, Petoskey	ZC Steven Murch Alpena Lions Club <a href="mailto:stevemurch49707@gmail.com">stevemurch49707@gmail.com</a>	Alpena, Alpena Evening, Atlanta, Glennie, Hillman, Hubbard Lake, Mio
ZONE 2	CLUBS	ZONE 4	CLUBS
ZC Jim Broome Central Lake Lions Club <a href="mailto:jrbroome@charter.net">jrbroome@charter.net</a>	Central Lake, Elk Rapids, Grayling, Houghton Lake, Lewiston/ Lewiston Lioness Lions, Roscommon- Higgins Lake	ZC Don McDonell Hale Lions Club <a href="mailto:cdmcdonell@gmail.com">cdmcdonell@gmail.com</a>	Beaverton, Hale, Harrisville, Lincoln, Oscoda, Prescott-Skidway Lake, Rose City,



# Lions Clubs International



## LCI President's Message

# The Secret of Service

**Lions Clubs International President Alexander**

**Dear Lions,**

For my first message to you in LION Magazine, I want to talk about the small things. When Lions Clubs International was started more than 100 years ago, it was founded on the idea that those who can help, should. It was that simple.

I grew up with those same values. I was raised in Brooklyn, where most families worked hard and came home tired at the end of the day. But they saw the value in supporting one another. They knew they were stronger together. And they knew that as tired as they were, or as steep as their own struggle seemed, they still had something to give. So, they did.

It's so easy to make a difference. That's the secret that so many Lions already understand and what I wish more people knew. You don't have to end all suffering for humankind—not on your own. But you can ease one person's struggle. You can pick up their bag and carry it for a while. And when you think of service in little moments like this, it becomes easier to see just how many ways there are to give back. And it gets even easier when each one of us invites a new member to join our club. That gives us more helping hands. And more service from the heart.

I know we are all busy, and we all have heavy loads—these days especially. But remember that the small things you do as Lions are as important as the big things. The way you serve may look different than how I serve or how your buddy down the street serves. And that's a good thing. That give us balance and diversity. That makes us Lions.

I am honored to embark on the next year as your International President and look forward to serving from the heart with you.

Sincerely,

*Douglas X. Alexander*

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**International President, Lions Clubs International**





# Lions Clubs International



## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**Service from the heart with  
International President,  
Douglas X. Alexander**

Dear Lion,

I learned very early on about the importance and power of community. In Brooklyn, we work together and support each other to make life better for everyone. And that's why Lions has always felt like a family to me—like my home. Because for Lions, helping others is more than what we do. It's who we are. And we give our "Service from the Heart." That is the message I want us to share with the world.

We have a vision to make a better world for all people. That vision begins with us at home in our communities. Our safe service is helping so many people, so let us continue to be guided by our hearts and to move our communities forward. Let's live out who we say we are. Let's show the world what it truly means to have the heart of a Lion.

It is a great honor to be your international president. And I promise I will serve you with all my heart.

Yours in service,

**Douglas X. Alexander**  
**International President**





## LCIF.ORG | A Letter From Your Chairperson



Dear Lion,

Welcome to a new Lion year. I am thrilled to be starting my new role as chairperson of LCIF and look forward to what accomplishments the year will bring. We are now in the final phase of Campaign 100 and are making history with LCIF's largest fundraising initiative to date. Let's continue to build on that success as LCIF supports Lions in one of the biggest comebacks the world has ever seen. As we work hard to move past COVID-19 and continue to support our Lions in the areas of vision, youth, disaster relief, humanitarian, diabetes, childhood cancer, hunger, and environment, let's remember why we do it. We do it because we have a world in need. There are people in every corner of this earth depending on Lions. Depending on LCIF. Let's make this the most successful year yet!

Sincerely

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi, Chairperson  
Lions Clubs International Foundation

### Thank You Donors!

At LCIF, we are deeply thankful for our donors who make your Lion service possible.  
Please join us as we recognize our top donors celebrated at LCIcon!

## Our Expanding Focus Areas

**Vision** — We are a world leader in the effort to prevent avoidable blindness, and we're diligently working with Lions clubs and local partners to help provide the local capacity building, training, medications and treatment needed for those with eye diseases and to provide disability rehabilitation and education for all.

**Youth** — We are committed to providing youth and young adults with opportunities to succeed. The Lions Quest program provides young people and their educators with tools to make positive choices, resist drugs and alcohol, learn through service and become healthy young men and women.

**Disaster Relief** — When disaster strikes, we respond. We provide funding to address preparedness and immediate needs that allow Lions and their partners to be among the first on the scene in the wake of the world's most devastating hurricanes, earthquakes, floods and other disasters.

**Humanitarian** — Lions take action in their communities, working face-to-face with the people they serve. We support the wide variety of humanitarian efforts implemented and coordinated by Lions and give grants to increase their scale and effectiveness.

**Diabetes** — We are providing support to help Lions educate the public and establish programs around one of our new global focus areas: diabetes.

**Childhood Cancer** — Across the globe, too many children are being affected by cancer. We're helping Lions establish programs and provide greater service and access to care for those diagnosed—giving hope to them and their families.

**The Environment** — We are working with Lions to preserve our planet, knowing that the health of our local communities and environments affects us all. Our goal is to help establish a sustainable future for generations to come.

**Hunger** — We help provide healthy meals for the hungry and work to establish strategies and greater capacity for communities in which food is scarce.



*A message from:*

**Jerome Thompson**

**Past International Director,  
GAT Constitutional Area 1  
Leader**



## **Jerome Thompson Message:**

Thank you for your service to your club and district. Together we have generated momentum which will carry us through July, as we strive to serve more, engage more members, and develop more leaders. Please ask your club to commit to ending the year with positive membership gains.

I trust you enjoyed the July 4th holidays. As celebrations took place throughout my community, I watched several dogs running in circles chasing the sounds of fireworks. If we are not careful, we too will be running around aimlessly distracted by the noise.

Jack Canfield reminds us, "Successful people maintain a positive focus in life no matter what is going on around them." For the past 18 months, we, the Lions of Constitutional Area 1 have been distracted by COVID-19, new working environments, the news, politics, and the list goes on. However, as vaccinations were distributed and the background noise began to subside, we become more laser focused on what we do best – serving others in need.

### **The post-pandemic momentum, April – June 2021, we set major records:**

**net Membership Loss - Reduced by 58%**

**New Clubs Chartered – Increased 60 %**

**Members added to Existing Clubs – increased by 168%**

**Members dropped from Existing Clubs – Increased by 3%**

### **How can you help during July?**

1. If your club had positive membership growth on June 30th, apply for the Club Excellence Award. We want to celebrate your success.
2. Invite someone to join your Lions Club. A PDF Membership Application can be found (online).
3. Report one service activity using MyLion.

While other areas need some attention, this is our first focus.

Your Global Action Team stands ready to assist. How can we help you to serve and engage others?

Hope to see you at the USA/Canada Leadership Forum.

**Sincerely,  
Jerome Thompson**



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*The Final Campaign Year*

## From Past International President and Campaign 100 Chairperson Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada

As we enter Campaign 100's final year, fundraising stands at US\$213,293,415, or 71 percent of our US\$300 million goal. Read below for tips and action steps to build on this progress; see where we stood at fiscal year-end; and enjoy some successes and beneficiary stories from around the world. Remember, your leadership, like your personal and club financial support, will help us reach our goal. The year ahead will be exciting, and we look forward to celebrating Campaign 100's success with you at LCIcon 2022!

## BY THE NUMBERS: Where We Stand

Time to build on last year's global impact and Campaign 100 progress your leadership made possible.

- FY2020-2021 Grants
  - Awarded: 1,200
  - Total funding: US\$33,549,260
- Campaign 100 (data through 7/12/21)
  - Fundraising: US\$213,293,415
  - Model Clubs: 3,259
- Congratulations to Constitutional Area III, which increased the number of donors nearly 50% last fiscal year!

A successful FY2021-2022 for our campaign will create even more grant possibilities for Lions service!



## Your Model Club Progress

**TIP:** A Campaign 100 Presidential Medal awaits district governors who drive Model Club commitments and engagement. [Model Club resources](#) help your club participate to its fullest.

Constitutional Area	Number of Model Clubs
I	445
II	42
III	46
IV	203
V	2,154
VI	239
VII	64
VIII	66

as of 7/12/21



### TIP: Plan Now for Campaign 100 Fundraiser this Fiscal Year

Plan an LCIF/campaign club fundraiser – virtual or in-person – now. Every club (and personal) donation from fundraisers and treasury gifts moves your club and district closer to a District and Club Community Impact grant! Contact LCIF Development staff for fundraising strategies and help.





**Fellow Lion,**

Last week, multiple countries in Europe experienced **historic flooding** receiving two months of rainfall in the space of two days. Thousands of Europeans have been displaced from their homes, over 100 confirmed dead, and many more missing.

When a humanitarian crisis of this magnitude strikes, we, as Lions, **are ready to help**. Right beside us is Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), our global foundation.

LCIF is mobilizing funds including a US\$100,000 major catastrophe grant to Lions to deliver flood relief throughout Europe, with more grants currently under review to be distributed. The grants will help provide immediate assistance to children, families, and communities suddenly struggling with everyday needs...struggling to remain safe.

You can help. Your generous donation to **LCIF's disaster relief fund** will help deliver further funds to families impacted by the devastation.

**I want to give**

Thank you for your kindness and for working together with LCIF to rebuild lives.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi

LCIF Chairperson



## A Message from Our General Chair



The Planning and Host Committees are getting excited as the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum is only 6 weeks away! Personally, I am like a child at Christmas - bursting at the seams in anticipation of sharing the many informational, inspirational, and innovative features of the #LionsForum2021 experience with you!

Please take a moment to review the latest pre-registration and COVID-related information below. The Forum is designed to be most impactful as an in-person event, and we will not be having a virtual component. We want you to feel comfortable and safe as we gather with like-minded Lions, and I DO hope you will join us in Des Moines or consider attending in the future. However, there are already several excellent online learning resources if you are not ready or able to attend in person.

In leadership, friendship, and service,

**Wendy Cain**

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## Registration Deadline Extended

Due to the uncertainty of border restrictions, the Executive Committee approved extending **the current registration fee of \$320 until August 15.**

**After that date, the registration fee increases to \$345, but more importantly, you are not guaranteed to be able get a hotel room.** Contractually, we must release unused hotel rooms after that time, and we've recently learned that there is a country music concert in Wells Fargo Arena (adjacent to the Iowa Events Center), and the Iowa-Iowa State football game (in nearby Ames). We expect this will create a higher demand of Des Moines hotel rooms for Saturday night.

## COVID-19 PCR Testing and Current Protocols

To facilitate travel requirements, the Forum is arranging on-site COVID testing at the Iowa Events Center on Friday Sept. 10. Results will be provided within 24 hours, and additional details for scheduling and paying for appointments online will be provided in the next update.

The Forum will follow safety protocols in effect at the Iowa Events Center. Currently:

1. Face coverings are NOT required for fully vaccinated individuals (shots completed at least 14 days prior).
2. Face coverings ARE required for individuals NOT fully vaccinated.
3. As recommended by the CDC, it is recommended that masks be worn in large gatherings.
4. Hand Sanitation Stations will be available throughout the Iowa Events Center.

Note: These are subject to change according to state and federal revisions.

“Save the Date”  
September 18, 2021  
Governor appreciation lunch in Central Lake

Testimonial from Saturday's Kidsight First screening in Alpena

He was walking by the van and stopped to thank us for our work for children. He said he had been a teacher and had three students who were doing very poorly in school because of visual impairment. The Lions Club got involved and the students got glasses. Grades went from D or D- to B or B+. One student who was practically failing math class is now an accountant. All three are successful adults. He went on to say he thinks that is the result of the Lions Club, and thanked us again for the work that we do.

***The Petoskey Lions Club received an awesome hand written  
“Thank You” letter from our 2021 Scholarship Recipient:***

Dear Petoskey Lions Club,

Thank you for your generous scholarship! I am very honored and appreciative to be selected as the recipient of you scholarship.

Currently, I am planning on enrolling in Albion College's 5 year program to earn my MBA in Accounting! In addition, I will be swimming for Albion's Swim Team. This summer I am working 2 jobs, as a Head Lifeguard at Harbor Spring's Public Beach and a nanny on other days, keeping my schedule full until I leave in August.

By awarding me the Wallace C. Glasscock Memorial Scholarship you have lightened my financial burden, which allows me to focus more on the most important aspect of school: learning. Your generosity has inspired me, once I begin the post-college workforce, to make a difference in the lives of others, helping students to achieve their goals. Just as you're doing with me.

I promise I will continue to work hard and make you proud. Thank you again for believing in me.

Warm Regards,  
Alexis Glaser

***This is Why We Serve!***





# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## AUGUST 2021:

**Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame Banquet** — August 07, 2021 — 6:00 pm — \$25 —

Comfort Inn & Suites, 2424 South Mission, Mt Pleasant, MI — Lodging is \$99 plus tax per night for a standard guest room. Lodging reservations can be made by contacting the Lions of Michigan State Office at 517-887-6640 - info@lmsf.net or by calling the Comfort Inn at 989-772-4000 and requesting the Lions of Michigan Foundation group rate. Deadline to register for this event is July 12, 2021. See flyer for details.

**Cabinet meeting** — August 14, 2021 — 10:00 a.m. — Lutheran Church, Grayling

Cabinet meeting for all district cabinet members, district committee chairs, zone chairs, club presidents and secretaries.

## SEPTEMBER 2021:

**Governor Appreciation Lunch** — September 18, 2021 — Central Lake — SAVE THE DATE! Details to follow.

## OCTOBER 2021:

**Cabinet meeting** — October 09, 2021 — 10:00 a.m.—Congregational Church, Alpena

Cabinet meeting for all district cabinet members, district committee chairs, zone chairs, club presidents and secretaries.

## DECEMBER 2021:

**Cabinet meeting** — December 11, 2021 — 10:00 a.m. — **Zoom** — Cabinet meeting for all district cabinet members, district committee chairs, zone chairs, club presidents and secretaries.



## PASSINGS



**NONE REPORTED**

## NEW MEMBERS

**Central Lake Lions:** Lion Randy Miller, sponsor, new Lion **Kathy Miller**; Lion Rebecca James, sponsor, new Lion **Desiree Herrst**; PCC Don Seifried, sponsor, new Lion **Nancy Weston**; ZC Jim Broome, sponsor, new Lion **Rose Broome** Inducted by PDG Gordon Harris

## *On the Mend*

Oscoda Lions Tony Priebe and Bob Tasior are both experiencing health concerns. Lion Connie and her new knee continue to be doing well. We look forward to seeing all of them very soon.

**Alpena Lions****JULY 2021****Alpena Lions Club Kidsight  
July 10 2021****Boyne Valley Lions****JULY 2021**

- Club Meetings will continue bi-weekly
  - Club decided to have the meeting on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month.
- White Cane drive scheduled at Family Fare on August 20 from 4 pm to 8 pm.



## Central Lake Lions

JULY 2021



Central Lake Lions have been busy recruiting! Left to right: Lion Randy Miller, sponsor; new Lion Kathy Miller; new Lion Desiree Herrst, Lion Rebecca James, sponsor; inducted by PDG Gordon Harris; new Lion Nancy Weston; PCC Don Seifried, sponsor; new Lion Rose Broome; ZC Jim Broome, sponsor.



July 4th float and traditional chicken BBQ dinner. Lions and community volunteers served 350 chicken dinners in 1 hour!

Christmas in July bell ringing for the Salvation Army. Pictured are Salvation Army Envoys (aka elves) Bethany and Greg Irwin; Lion Mike Ring, organizer; Lion Marie Leathers (aka Mrs. Claus), and PDG Rod Leathers (aka Santa)





## Cheboygan Lions

**JULY 2021**

- Completed Highway Cleanup for July.
- Donated \$250.00 to Leader Dogs For The Blind.
- Completed the application process for raffle tickets for next month meeting..

## East Jordan Lions

**JULY 2021**

East Jordan Lions sponsored the South Arm Classic Car and Boat Show on July 10 at Memorial Park.



Lion Dan Miller organized the event and presented the awards for Best of Show and Peoples Choice.

The show was a great success with over 60 entries.

## Harrisville Lions /

## Lincoln Lions

**JULY 2021**

The Lincoln Lions joined the Harrisville Lions in launching 4000 ducks in a joint venture **26th Annual Harrisville Duck Race**.





## Oscoda Lions

**JULY 2021**

*Info from Oscoda  
'Lion Tracks' newsletter*

### Handicap Ramp Completed

Lions Chuck, John and Ann recently completed a 16 foot ramp in Mikado for a wheelchair bound man. The owner test drove the ramp several times and was delighted with the work. The homeowner paid for the ramp materials and made a \$130 donation to the club.

Another ramp is in the planning stages for an Oscoda resident.

The Oscoda Lions annual fall fundraiser, the **Paul Bunyan "5 K" Raffle**, is underway and will conclude at 3 p.m. on Saturday, October 2nd at the Arts and Crafts Festival at Oscoda High School. Community business partners and individuals have given donations to help get us started. As always our goal is to sell all 3,000 tickets

July over-the-counter sales have gone very well. Lions Bob and Chuck sold 45 tickets at the 4th of July picnic, ticket sales at Roger's/Ace Hardware added 297 over two days with \$176.62 in donations, Lions Bob and Tony sold 119 tickets and received donations at the Farmer's Market, Bob and John sold 62 tickets at the fishing tournament and the crew at the canoe marathon finish line sold 253 tickets.

The board approved the following donations:

- \$280 to the fire department for fire safety materials for Richardson Elementary students.
- \$1,000 Patriotcity donation to support the Iosco Exploration Trail path that is to be extended from the schools to Old Orchard Park. The township needs to raise \$50,000 by August 31st to receive a matching grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.



## Petoskey Lions

**JULY 2021**

The Petoskey Lions held their first local fundraiser event in over a year, due to the COVID pandemic. The White Cane Fundraiser at the Oleson's market was scheduled on Friday, July 16 and Saturday, July 17. Lions volunteers Julie Haase, Ray Johnson, Ted Oldham, and David Zimmer collected over \$655 dollars in donations.

**Petoskey Lion Ray Johnson manned the table set up at the Olsen's market entryway on Saturday afternoon, July 17.**



# CORONAVIRUS UPDATES – AUGUST 2

This is a snapshot of the World, Nation, and State of Michigan statistics on **August 2, 2021**. Numbers may be significantly higher by the time you read this as the COVID-19 pandemic continues.

(Info from Worldometers, CDC & michigan.gov.)

## World Statistics

**Confirmed Cases: 199,309,375** ♦ **Deaths: 4,245,530**

## United States Statistics



## Michigan Statistics

**Total Cases: 34,972,532** ❖

**Total Cases: 1,000,241**

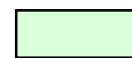
**Deaths: 611,051** ❖

**Deaths: 21,013**

## DISTRICT 11-E2 STATISTICS



= Highest No.



= Lowest No.

11-E2 Counties	Cases Reported	Deaths	% Vaccinated
Alcona:	745	33	56.54%
Alpena:	2,329	65	56.30%
Antrim:	1,648	30	59.30%
Arenac:	1,227	29	52.96%
Charlevoix:	1,715	22	64.65%
Cheboygan:	1,947	47	55.39%
<b>Crawford:</b>	998	<b>14</b>	54.14%
<b>Emmet:</b>	<b>2,405</b>	43	<b>67.66%</b>
Gladwin:	2,320	61	50.36%
<b>Iosco:</b>	2,023	<b>75</b>	57.36%
Kalkaska:	1,171	29	49.14%
Montmorency:	627	20	54.93%
Ogemaw:	1,764	43	45.61%
<b>Oscoda:</b>	<b>695</b>	31	<b>45.00%</b>
Otsego:	2,361	41	55.87%
Presque Isle:	1,063	34	61.04%
Roscommon:	1,912	55	55.15%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>26,950</b>	<b>672</b>	

Confirmed cases include individuals with a positive NAAT/RT-PCR test for COVID-19. Probable cases include individuals with either a positive rapid antigen detection test OR COVID-19 symptoms and an epidemiologic link to a confirmed COVID-19 case, but no diagnostic test.

Vaccination % = number of county vaccinated 12+ residents divided by the total county resident population



## COVID Pandemic Continues to Plague Our World

I have been eagerly looking forward to being able to write that the COVID-19 Pandemic is finally over. Unfortunately, that is not the case, and it looks now that the COVID coronavirus will be with us for some time. So, this is some of the latest updates I found explaining where we are in this unparalleled moment our history:

- The greatest threat at this point is the Delta Variant version of the COVID-19 virus. Delta is the name for the B.1.617.2. variant, a SARS-CoV-2 mutation that originally surfaced in India. In an internal document the CDC described Delta as more transmissible than the common cold and influenza, as well as the viruses that cause Ebola, smallpox, MERS, and SARS—and called it as contagious as chickenpox.
- People who have not been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 are most at risk. In the U.S., there is a disproportionate number of unvaccinated people in Southern and Appalachian states, where vaccination rates are low. Kids and young people are a concern as well. A recent United Kingdom study showed that children and adults under 50 were 2.5 times more likely to become infected with Delta.
- Delta could lead to 'hyperlocal outbreaks.' If Delta keeps moving fast, fast enough to accelerate the pandemic, multiplying infections in the U.S. could steepen an upward COVID-19 curve.
- Scientists are still learning about Delta, such as how Delta affects the body. There have been reports of symptoms that are different than those associated with the original coronavirus strain. It seems like cough and loss of smell are less common. Headache, sore throat, runny nose, and fever are present based on the most recent surveys in the U.K., where more than 90% of the cases are due to the Delta strain. It's unclear whether Delta could cause more breakthrough cases—infections in people who have been vaccinated or have natural immunity from a prior COVID-19 infection, which so far have been rare in general.
- Vaccination is the best protection against Delta. If fully vaccinated, your risk of infection is lower, but some people can still spread the Delta variant. When "breakthrough cases" of COVID-19 do occur in vaccinated people, nearly all are avoiding serious illness, hospitalization, or death.
- A Public Health England analysis (in a preprint that has not yet been peer-reviewed) showed that at least two vaccines are effective against Delta. The Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine was 88% effective against symptomatic disease and 96% effective against hospitalization from Delta in the studies, while Oxford-AstraZeneca (which is not an mRNA vaccine) was 60% effective against symptomatic disease and 93% effective against hospitalization. The studies tracked participants who were fully vaccinated with both recommended doses.
- Face masks can provide additional protection and the WHO (World Health Organization) has encouraged mask-wearing even among vaccinated people. The CDC updated its guidance in July to recommend that both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals wear masks in public indoor settings in areas of high transmission to help prevent Delta's spread and to protect others, especially those who are immuno-compromised, unvaccinated, or at risk for severe disease. The agency is also recommending universal indoor masking for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to K-12 schools.
- Florida reported 21,683 new cases of COVID-19 on Saturday (July 31), the state's highest one-day total since the start of the pandemic, according to data from the CDC. Over the last week, Florida saw a 50% increase weekly in new cases, reporting 110,477 cases from July 23 to July 29, according to data released by the Florida Department of Health. Florida also reported 409 deaths this week, which brings the state's total to more than 39,000 since the pandemic began in March 2020. The state has become a new epicenter for the virus, as CDC data shows that new case numbers in Florida make up nearly a fifth of all new cases in the U.S. as the highly contagious Delta Variant of the coronavirus continues to spread. "We encourage all guests – regardless of vaccination status – to wear face coverings while indoors," — Universal Orlando Resort's updated safety guidelines. SeaWorld posted on its website that it was recommending that visitors follow the recently updated recommendations given by CDC to wear face coverings while indoors. Disney World in Orlando this past week also brought back an indoor mask mandate.
- Japan saw new COVID-19 cases surpass 10,000 for two days in a row, while Tokyo cases broke records for three days in a row through Thursday. The capital's seven-day rolling average jumped 80.5% over the previous week. The number of hospitalized COVID-19 patients has doubled over the past month, and experts estimate that the current fifth wave of infections still has a week or two to go before reaching its peak. How or if this affects the current Olympics remains to be seen.
- **Good News:** Recently Canada officially became the world leader with a fully vaccinated percentage of its populace of 60.16% and 1 dose vaccinations at 11.53%, for a total vaccination rate of 71.69% Congratulations!

**BE KIND. MASK UP + SOCIAL DISTANCE + WASH HANDS + VACCINATION = STAY SAFE!**

## *Pictures of the Month: August 2021*



Meteor showers are nature's night fireworks. The Perseid meteor shower peaks on the evening of Aug. 12, just 4 days after the Aug. 8 new moon, so dark skies should be quite good for viewing the annual display.



**Picture Above:** The sun glows reddish a half hour before sunset over Round Lake just North of Petoskey.. Western U.S. Wildfires, and/or Canadian wildfires, are filling the upper atmosphere with copious amounts of smoke, a haze creating dimmer reddish sunlight and spectacular sunsets & sunrises in Northern Michigan.

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\* **Photos:** Should be 300 pixels for good quality.

**Include names of individuals in photos, and/or describe what the photo is showing.**

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