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# Examining Michigan's current fight against COVID-19



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(WXYZ) — In tonight's 7 UpFront report we're taking a deeper look at where Michigan stands in the fight against COVID-19.

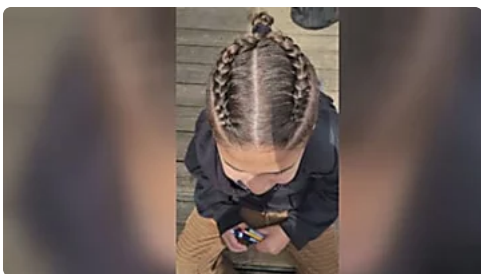
We're being joined by Dr. Brd Uren, an emergency physician at Michigan Medicine to talk about it.

**You can see the full interview in the video player above.**

"So, I think there are two very important differences between last spring's surge and this spring's surge. First and foremost it's in the ages of the people that are coming in," Uren says. "What we are seeing is that, unlike last spring when we saw lots of people in their 70s and 80s that were requiring hospitalization and care, those numbers have been relatively low, we're still seeing some of those patients, but they've been relatively low compared to younger people who weren't afforded the opportunity to be vaccinated so early, so people in their 60s, 50s, 40s, 30s, even their 20s are coming into the emergency department with greater frequency as we see increased spread among the younger population, and faster spread in many ways. So we're seeing a different age group. And the other thing that is different is that a year ago, people were scared, nobody really understood what COVID-19 was and how it was transmitted so people were afraid to come to the emergency department or come to the hospital to seek care."

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