

# State of Wisconsin COVID-19 Response

Situation to Date  
24 MARCH – 0700-0700



## Summary

The State EOC has elevated to a Level 1 in response to the COVID-19 outbreak affecting Wisconsin, as of March 16<sup>th</sup>, and is continuing 24/7 operations.

Governor Evers issued a Public Health Emergency on March 12, 2020.

Governor Evers has issued the following press releases related to statewide mandates:

March 24, 2020

- Media briefing held today at 1:30 p.m. with Governor Evers; DHS Secretary-designee Palm; Dr. Ryan Westergaard (DHS/DPH).
- [Gov. Evers Directs DHS to Issue Safer at Home Order](#)

March 23, 2020

- Media briefing held today at 1:30 p.m. with Governor Evers; DHS Secretary-designee Palm; Major General Knapp.

March 22, 2020

- [Gov. Evers Announces New Order Relating to Department of Public Instruction](#)
- [Gov. Evers Suspends Utility Rules and Allows for Additional Consumer Protections](#)

DHS issued the following order:

- [Emergency Order #12: Safer at Home Order](#)

## Case numbers

	Globally (Data from <a href="#">WHO</a> )	United States (Data from <a href="#">CDC*</a> )	Wisconsin (Data from <a href="#">DHS</a> )
<b>Confirmed cases</b>	<b>372,757</b>	<b>44,183</b>	<b>457</b>
<b>Negative</b>	--	--	<b>8,237</b>
<b>Deaths</b>	<b>16,231</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>5</b>

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## Cases in the United States Reported to the CDC, by Source of Exposure\*+

	<b>Confirmed</b>
<b>Travel-related</b>	<b>479</b>
<b>Person-to-person spread</b>	<b>569</b>
<b>Under Investigation</b>	<b>43,135</b>
<b>Total Cases</b>	<b>44,183</b>

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+ CDC is no longer reporting the number of persons under investigation (PUIs) that have been tested, as well as PUIs that have tested negative. Now that states are testing and reporting their own results, CDC's numbers are not representative all of testing being done nationwide.

## Confirmed cases in Wisconsin by County

<b>Wisconsin County</b>	<b>Total Cases as of 3/24/2020</b>	<b>Total Deaths as of 3/24/2020</b>
<b>Bayfield</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Brown County*</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Calumet County</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Chippewa County</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Columbia County*</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Dane County*</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Dodge</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Douglas County</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Dunn County</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Eau Claire</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Fond du Lac County*</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Green County</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Jefferson County</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Kenosha County*</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>La Crosse County</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Marathon County</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Milwaukee County*</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Outagamie County</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Ozaukee County</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Pierce County</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Racine County</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Rock County</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Sauk County</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Sheboygan County</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>St. Croix County</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Walworth County*</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Washington County</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Waukesha County*</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Winnebago County</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Wood</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Cases</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>5</b>

\*An asterisk indicates community spread has been identified.

## Open Requests for Assistance:

At this time, the State EOC is receiving an immense amount of PPE requests from law enforcement, fire, EMS, and additional healthcare provider partners. These requests are being collated, and a request has been submitted to FEMA for PPE for non-healthcare partners. WI DHS is continuing to coordinate with federal agencies to access additional Strategic National Stockpile resources in order to allocate PPE resources to agencies that provide direct patient care. In addition to PPE, additional requests for assistance include the following:

- Resources to support the isolation facilities including:
  - Medical supplies
  - Medical staff support
  - Site coordinator staff
- Sanitizing supplies
- Supplies for child care facilities such as diapers, wipes, and infant formula

## Unmet Needs

There is a significant number of unmet personal protective equipment (PPE) needs in the State of Wisconsin. The need for these resources is not being overlooked, and a procurement team has been developed to work out the offers being sent in, the requests being received, and the sourcing. There are also needs for isolation facilities. These needs are being met by local planning efforts to activate and maintain said facilities, and will be supplemented by joint efforts by WI DHS, WING, WEM, and VOAD partners to set up additional facilities.

## SEOC Taskforce Coordination

### **Isolation Facilities**

Objectives worked on: stand up isolation facilities in Madison and Milwaukee by 3/24 and Fox Valley by 3/27 and develop an isolation plan for seven 24/7 WI DHS care facilities by 3/23.

### **Contact Tracing/Surveillance**

Nothing New to report

### **HC Worker Childcare**

Nothing new to report

### **Elections**

No report new to report

### **Specimen Collection/Lab Capacity**

Nothing new to report

### **Surge Beds**

Nothing new to report

### **Direct Care PPE/SNS**

PPE Task Force coordinated a meeting of partners at the O'Mara Warehouse to discuss data management needs, orientation to the IMATS inventory management tool, and a visualization of the current warehouse operations. Received email offers have been moved from DMA OPS3, and are being triaged worked by PPE Task Force team members. Testing of the website and behind the scenes database for the PPE Buy Back and donations programs were conducted earlier in the day, with revisions continuing by the DET IT team.

## State Agency Response

WI DHS      DHS, WSP, WING, WEM and VOAD partners are finalizing the standard operating procedure for the two isolation facilities to be activated this week in Madison and Milwaukee. These plans are happening in conjunction with local partners.

DHS received the second shipment of the strategic national stockpile resources, and coordinated with WING to receive and inventory all PPE from the shipment. Around 1600 the order request survey was sent out to hospitals, long term care, in home personal care agencies, and EMS. Local and tribal public

health, county emergency managers, regional emergency management directors, and regional healthcare emergency readiness coalition (HERC) coordinators.

DHS created and published social media posts on the following topics:

- Updated daily COVID-19 numbers in WI and a link to the Safer at Home Order.
- DHS COVID-19 Media Brief, held today at 1:30 p.m.
- COVID-19 and those with higher at-risk medical conditions that may cause complications.
- Video post of Governor Evers with a link to the Safer at Home Order press release
- Office of the Inspector General’s warning regarding COVID-19 fraud.

DATCP Nothing new to report.

DNR Nothing new to report.

DOA The Department of Administration is assisting the Department of Health Services identify additional personnel for COVID 19 response. DOA asks state agencies to consider excess personnel capacity that may be available to assist the Department of Health Services. More details will be provided soon. In the meantime, state agencies are asked to name a point of contact and direct them to contact Jim Langdon,

WEDC (Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation) WEDC Board of directors approved and WEDC staff began implementation of Small Business 2020 program focusing on support small businesses and micro-enterprises adversely economically impacted by the COVID-19 Virus. The program provides funds to Wisconsin-based Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) to make grants to existing loan clients to mitigate short-term cash flow issues and protect jobs and public health in response to the COVID-19 outbreak. Multiple WEDC Business and Community Development staff participated in a US SBA Economic Injury Loan Presentation. WEDC began working with community development financial institutions to launch the newly created SB 20/20 program to provide grants for businesses negatively impacted..

DWD Nothing new to report

WSP Nothing new to report.

DOT Nothing new to report.

## VOAD Response

Nothing new to report.

## EOCs Open:

Tribal – Forest County Potawatomi, Lac Courte Oreilles, Lac du Flambeau, Oneida Nation, Stockbridge-Munsee

County –Adams, Bayfield, Brown, Buffalo, Burnett, Calumet, Clark, Columbia, Dane, Dodge, Door, Douglas, Eau Claire, Fond Du Lac, Florence Grant, Green, Iowa, Iron, Juneau, Jackson, Kenosha, La Crosse, Lafayette, Langlade, Lincoln, Monroe, Marathon, Marinette, Milwaukee, Oneida, Outagamie, Ozaukee, Pepin, Polk, Portage, Racine, Richland, Rock, Rusk, Sauk, Sawyer, Sheboygan, St. Croix, Taylor, Vernon, Washburn, Waukesha, Waushara, Winnebago, Wood

## Emergencies Declared:

Tribal – Ho-Chunk Nation, La Courte Oreilles, Lac du Flambeau, Menominee Tribe, Oneida Nation, Stockbridge-Munsee Band

County – Adams, Bayfield, Brown, Calumet, Chippewa, Clark, Columbia, Dane, Dodge, Door, Douglas, Dunn, Eau Claire, Florence, Fond du Lac, Green, Green Lake, Iron, Jefferson, Juneau, Kenosha, Kewaunee, La Crosse, Lafayette, Langlade, Lincoln, Manitowoc, Menominee, Milwaukee, Monroe, Oconto, Oneida, Outagamie, Ozaukee, Pepin, Polk, Racine, Richland, Rock, Rusk, Sawyer, Shawano, Sheboygan, St. Croix, Vernon, Walworth, Washburn, Washington, Waukesha, Waushara, Waupaca

## Current Incident Objectives and Planning Activities

### Isolation Facilities:

- Administrative opening of isolation facilities in Madison and Milwaukee by 3/25
- Develop guidance for and resourcing local isolation facility based on initial state facilities
- Determine move forward plan for Fox Valley facility (DPH liaison)

### Specimen Collection & Lab Capacity:

- Send FEMA letter regarding supply needs
- Work with Exact Sciences, UW Health, and Marshfield Clinic to define their maximum capacity
- Work with Exact Sciences, UW Health and Marshfield Clinic to operationalize their maximum capacity

### Healthcare Child Care:

- Monitor on use and current capacity and plan for daily updates

### Staff Augmentation:

- Establish a roster of state staffing capacities to meet identified critical staffing needs

### Surge:

- Develop incoming surge notification workflow
- Develop guidance for all hospitals and LTC to create surge plans

### Contact Tracing/Surveillance:

- Finalize model for disease progression

### Emergency Procurement:

- Identify vendors and execute contracts for PPE, sanitary supplies, and ventilators/supplies to close gaps in unmet needs
- Refine the process for collecting resource offers by private businesses

### Guidance/Liaison:

- Develop guidance and specification requirements for alternate PPE manufacture

### Future Ops:

- Assess and provide recommendations for critical infrastructure and develop a plan for credentialing in the event of a travel restriction

### PPE:

- Establish logistic cell

- Operationalize buy-back strategy on 3/24
- Establish criteria to distribute FEMA PPE

### Data Analytics:

- Provide support to aggregate PPE and essential supply data
- Prioritize next data need objectives for workgroups
- Meet with Future ops to determine data needs
- Determine supply and data need for lab testing capacity

### Logistics

- Finalize workflow for donation/buyback
- Launch PPE website
- Finalize Cell membership

### SEOC:

- Maintain a Joint Information Center (JIC) for all State and Federal Response Partners to insure public messaging is timely and accurate
- Assess staffing projections for the SEOC for the next 30 days and make recommendations for staff augmentation
- Develop staffing plan to support planning and logistics functions within SEOC over next 14 days by 1600 hours on 03/24/2020
- Develop a plan for working offsite to support current operations to maintain recommended distancing between workers
- Maintain hourly cleaning best practices to minimize the risk of infection by EOC staff
- Establish financial procurement and tracking process to ensure access to available funding by 1600 hours on 03/24/2020

## Weather

Rain will affect central and northern Wisconsin on Wednesday, spreading across southern Wisconsin Wednesday night. The rain will likely become mixed with or change to snow across parts of northern Wisconsin Wednesday night. Snowfall of 2 to 5 inches is expected in parts of north central Wisconsin. Rainfall and melted snow will range from around 0.05" in the south to 0.80" in parts of the north.

A more significant weather system is looking more likely to affect Wisconsin Saturday and Saturday night. Showers and a few t-storms are expected over southern and central Wisconsin, with a rain and snow mix over northern Wisconsin. There remains uncertainty with regards to the intensity and track of this weather system.

Temperatures are expected to remain near or slightly above seasonal normal through the week.

**Space Weather:** No impacts expected for GPS/radio communications.

**Aviation Weather:** MVFR remains in place across eastern and southern Wisconsin, IFR to MVFR will linger into tonight across the northwest part of the state.

**Minor flooding** is occurring or forecast to occur at several rivers across the state, but moderate/major flooding is not anticipated this week. However, rivers are running at a high level and will be so through the next 3 weeks. Any heavy rainfall events could lead to a higher possibility of moderate/major flooding. Luckily, rainfall amounts will be manageable through Friday, and gradually warming temperatures will contribute to slow melting of snow.

A more significant weather system may bring heavier rain and potentially snowfall to parts of Wisconsin Friday night into Saturday evening. We'll be keeping a close eye on this system.

Rivers near, at, or forecast to have minor flooding: Wolf, Yellow, Rock, and Fox River (North).

## Open Source Media

Madison.com

More businesses to shut down with Tony Evers' month-long 'safer at home' order

[https://madison.com/wsj/news/local/govt-and-politics/more-businesses-to-shut-down-with-tony-evers-month-long/article\\_da2c55db-43fd-5ffb-9e4b-a9036b12c920.html#tracking-source=home-breaking](https://madison.com/wsj/news/local/govt-and-politics/more-businesses-to-shut-down-with-tony-evers-month-long/article_da2c55db-43fd-5ffb-9e4b-a9036b12c920.html#tracking-source=home-breaking)

JOnline.com

More than 101,400 new unemployment claims in 9 days as the coronavirus pandemic closes businesses

<https://www.jsonline.com/story/money/business/2020/03/24/new-unemployment-claims-top-101-400-coronavirus-closes-businesses/2906753001/>

WKOW TV

Models show that without current restrictions, up to 1,000 could die in Wisconsin

<https://wkow.com/2020/03/24/models-show-up-to-1000-could-die-in-wisconsin/>