

State of Wisconsin COVID-19 Response

Situation to Date
23 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 16th, 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 21
 - Wisconsin Requests FEMA Assistance in Obtaining Protective Medical Supplies
 - Gov. Evers Urges Wisconsinites to Stay Home
 - Gov. Evers Announces Four Remaining Grand Princess Cruise Ship Passengers Return to Wisconsin
- March 20
 - Gov. Evers Announces Federal Approval for Disaster Loans for Small Businesses
 - Gov. Evers Works to Increase Wisconsin Medical Provider Access to Critical Supplies
 - Governor Evers, Secretary-designee Palm and CMO Ryan Westergaard held a media briefing with Q&A
 - Gov. Evers, DHS Announce Updated Mass Gatherings Order

Case numbers

	Globally (Data from WHO)	United States (Data from CDC*)	Wisconsin (Data from DHS)
Confirmed cases	332,930	33,404	416
Negative	--	--	7,050
Deaths	14,510	400	5

** Data for CDC is only reported Monday-Friday. Data includes both confirmed and presumptive positive cases of COVID-19 reported to CDC or tested at CDC since January 21, 2020, with the exception of testing results for persons repatriated to the United States from Wuhan, China and Japan. State and local public health departments are now testing and publicly reporting their cases. In the event of a discrepancy between CDC cases and cases reported by state and local public health officials, data reported by states should be considered the most up to date.*

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

Source of Exposure	Confirmed
Travel-related	449
Person-to-person spread	539
Under investigation	32,416
Total cases	33,404

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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.

Wisconsin novel coronavirus (COVID-19) information and key developments

Confirmed cases in Wisconsin by County

Wisconsin County	Total Cases as of 3/23/2020	Total Deaths as of 3/23/2020
Bayfield	1	0
Brown County*	3	0
Calumet County	1	0
Chippewa County	1	0
Columbia County*	5	0
Dane County*	61	0
Dodge	2	0
Douglas County	2	0
Dunn County	1	0
Eau Claire	4	0
Fond du Lac County*	16	1
Green County	1	0
Jefferson County	2	0
Kenosha County*	12	0
La Crosse County	5	0
Marathon County	1	0
Milwaukee County*	204	3
Outagamie County	2	0
Ozaukee County	14	1
Pierce County	3	0
Racine County	5	0
Rock County	3	0
Sauk County	3	0
Sheboygan County	6	0
St. Croix County	3	0
Walworth County*	3	0
Washington County	15	0
Waukesha County*	31	0
Winnebago County	5	0
Wood	1	0
Total Cases	416	5

*An asterisk indicates community spread has been identified.

Counties highlighted in orange are those that have identified their first case.

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:

- Supplies for the Receipt, Stage, Store (RSS) warehouse to include a light tower for security
- Space to serve as isolation facilities
- 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

Objective: Complete deployment of 60 additional contract tracers to follow up on all positive cases by 3/23. Update: Resources trained and available; some tracers. This will increase capacity to understand potential exposure to COVID-19.

HC Worker Childcare

Epic resources assisting with web portal testing. Web portal launching tomorrow pending successful testing. Assessing feasibility of launching texting campaign to confirm urgency by 3/24.

Elections

No report

Specimen Collection/Lab Capacity

Objectives worked on: Finalize public/private partnership to stand up alternate lab capacity. Worked with private and public sector partners to secure reagent supply

Surge Beds

Finalize a plan for rapid deployment of surge plan defined. Assessment of site for suitability for deployment by 3/24. Department of Administration will contract, DHS will complete site coordination

Direct Care PPE/SNS

Website ready to go on 3/24; need auto response and legal, communication strategy

State Agency Response

WI DHS WI DHS has received an overwhelmingly positive amount of information regarding modeling tools and opportunities, and is working to determine which tools may best support planning moving forward.

WI DHS staff began the guidance development process for implementing quarantine and isolation orders for memory care patients.

DHS prepared a spreadsheet of agencies that have been allocated resources from the strategic national stockpile to share with local public health, county and regional emergency management, and the healthcare emergency readiness coalition coordinators.

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

- Updated WI COVID-19 numbers.
- Alerting the public to the WI DHS COVID-19 Media Briefing.
- Shared message from Governor Evers announcing *Safer At Home Order*. The order will be issued on March 24 and will halt non-essential business statewide.
- BCD CMO Dr. Ryan Westergaard talking about the importance of social distancing.

- COVID-19 Shopping Tips.

DATCP Nothing new to report.

DNR Nothing new to report.

DOA Nothing new to report.

WEDC (Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation) 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 As of March 23, 27 job service centers are closed to the public, 26 are open. Services are provided to job seekers via telephone and web based communication and services. An up to date list can be found here: <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/covid19/public/det.htm>. In addition, the job centers located in Wisconsin prisons are closed and staff are attempting to serve them virtually.

All DVR locations have closed to the public. DVR continues to serve all customers using remote communication tools. An update on this can be found here: <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/covid19/public/dvr.htm>.

Unemployment claims update: On Sunday, DWD received 53,000 weekly claims for unemployment. Between 8:00 and 8:15 today (March 23) our unemployment number received 19,000 calls - callers are getting a busy signal. We are using social media and our UI portal to advise callers of the problem but it is not good. Initial unemployment claims (claims made by people for the first time) continue to rise rapidly which causes additional work load issues. In addition, we are facing challenges getting UI staff the ability to work remotely. We have still not received the software tokens needed to ensure a secure connection to allow staff to work remotely. We have one location in Menomonee Falls that has a significant number of people working at the site, in addition, last week WI DHS added approximately 80 people to the site when one of their Milwaukee offices was closed. We are concerned about being able to provide sufficient social distancing while meeting our responsibility to our unemployed workers during this time.

It is too soon to know what the economic impact will be but the UI Division is closely watching in order to request whatever additional resources would be needed.

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 – Bayfield, Brown, Burnett, Calumet, Clark, Columbia, Dane, Dodge, Douglas, Eau Claire, Green, Iowa, Iron, Jackson, Kenosha, Lafayette, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Marinette, Milwaukee, Outagamie, Ozaukee, Pepin, Polk, Portage, Racine, Richland, Rock, Rusk, Sauk, Sawyer, Sheboygan, St. Croix, Taylor, Vernon, Washburn, Waukesha, Waushara, Wood

Emergencies Declared:

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

County – Adams, Calumet, Chippewa, Columbia, Dane, Dodge, Door, Douglas, Eau Claire, Florence, Fond du Lac, Green, Green Lake, Iron, Juneau, Kenosha, Lafayette, Langlade, Manitowoc, Milwaukee, Oneida, Ozaukee, Polk, Racine, Richland, Rusk, Sawyer, Sheboygan, Vernon, Washburn, Washington, Waukesha, Waushara

Current Incident Objectives and Planning Activities

Isolation:

- Administrative opening of isolation facilities in Madison, Milwaukee by 3/24 and Fox Valley by 3/27
- Develop guidance for opening a locally-supported isolation facility based on initial state facilities

Specimen Collection & Lab Capacity:

- Finalize phased rollout of public/private partnership to stand up alternate lab capacity
- Work with private and public sector partners to secure reagent and collection kit supply
- Develop guidance on when to expand eligible testing tiers (work with guidance)

Healthcare Child Care:

- Open YMCA Brown Deer location
- Match HC child care needs to existing capacity
- Develop proposal for tiered approach for existing capacity

Staff Augmentation:

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

Surge:

- Identify viable staff to support the identified surge spaces
- Develop activation criteria for surge
- Obtain and distribute mutual aid agreement to all hospitals

Contact Tracing/Surveillance:

- Create plan to scale up additional trained tracing resources
- 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:

- Establish team lead for Data Analytics
- Identify workgroup resources needed
- Identify priority objectives for workgroup

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

No significant precipitation is expected through early next week. Temperatures will generally be cooler this weekend but gradually warming.

Space Weather: No issues for GPS/Radio communications.

Aviation Weather: Flight conditions are improving across the state and will be VFR most areas tonight through Saturday. Some lake effect MVFR clouds are expected to develop later tonight and affect some southeast Wisconsin areas, especially by Lake Michigan, into Saturday morning. Winds will continue to diminish overnight.

River Flooding Situational Awareness: Minor flooding is occurring or forecast to occur at a number of rivers across the state, but moderate/major flooding is not anticipated through early next week. However, rivers are running at a high level and will be so through the next 3 weeks. Any heavy rainfall setups could lead to a higher possibility of moderate/major flooding.

Rivers in Minor Flood Stage: Wolf, Black, Trempealeau, Baraboo, Kickapoo, Rock, Pecatonica.

Open Source Media

Gov. Tony Evers to order Wisconsinites to stay at home, will close non-essential businesses

<https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/politics/2020/03/23/wisconsin-gov-tony-evers-issues-safer-place-order/2897821001/>

'There's a lot of fear': Madison homeless advocates look to innovate in midst of COVID-19

https://madison.com/ct/news/local/neighborhoods/there-s-a-lot-of-fear-madison-homeless-advocates-look/article_8ff71f5d-e36e-5fa1-ac07-53dee1a2e2ca.html#tracking-source=home-top-story-1

State relaxes some child care rules to meet needs during pandemic

<https://www.wbay.com/content/news/State-relaxes-some-rules--568845791.html>