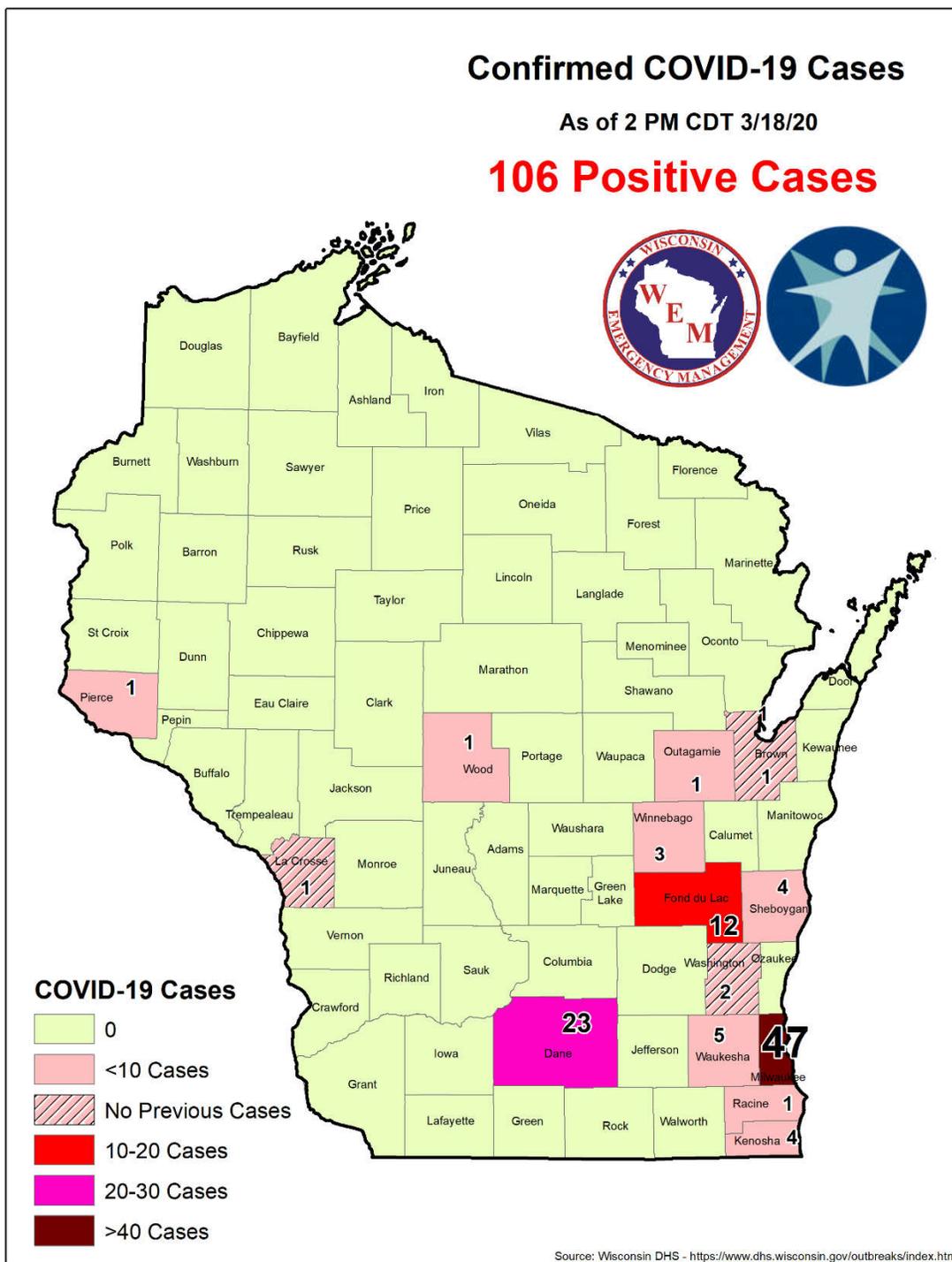


State of Wisconsin COVID-19 Response

Situation to Date – 18-19 MARCH – 1900-0700



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 18: [Gov. Evers Orders Scaling Down of all Child Care Settings](#)

- March 18: [Gov. Evers Submits Request for Economic Injury Disaster Loan Assistance for Small Wisconsin Businesses](#)
- March 17: [Gov. Evers Directs DHS to Limit Gatherings to Less Than 10 to Slow Spread of COVID-19.](#)
- March 16: [Gov. Evers Directs DHS to Prohibit Mass Gatherings of 50 People or More \(Secretary-designee Palm's order\).](#)
- March 13: Gov. Evers directed DHS to mandate statewide closure of all K-12 Wisconsin schools. The anticipated reopening date is April 6, subject to change pending further information.

Case numbers

	Globally (Data from WHO**)	United States (Data from CDC*)	Wisconsin (Data from DHS)
Confirmed cases	191,127	7,038	106
Negative	--	--	1,577
Deaths	7,807	97	0
Total	--	--	1,683

* 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.

**Data presented in the COVID-19 WHO Situation Reports has changed to reflect data reported as of 00:00 CET. As this is the first WHO Situation Report with the new reporting period, there is overlap of data between Situation Report 57 and today's report, thus the number of new cases may not equal the difference between total cases in the two reports. WHO COVID-19 Situation Reports present official counts of confirmed COVID19 cases, thus differences between WHO reports and other sources of COVID-19 data using different inclusion criteria and different data cutoff times are to be expected.

Cases in the United States Reported to the CDC*+

	Confirmed
Travel-related	269
Person-to-person spread	276
Under Investigation	6,493
Total Cases	7,038

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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.

Cases among persons repatriated to the United States*

	Positive
Wuhan, China	3
Diamond Princess cruise ship*	46
Total Cases	49

* Cases have laboratory confirmation and may or may not have been symptomatic.

Confirmed cases in Wisconsin by County

Wisconsin County	Confirmed Case (Active)
Brown County	1
Dane County*	23
Fond du Lac County	12
Kenosha County*	4
La Crosse County	1
Milwaukee County*	47
Outagamie County	1
Pierce County	1
Racine County	1
Sheboygan County	4
Washington County	2
Waukesha County	5
Winnebago County	3
Wood	1
Total Cases	106

**An asterisk indicates community spread has been identified.
Highlighted counties are those that have identified their first case.*

Open Requests for Assistance:

At this time, the State EOC is unable to fulfill requests for PPE, due to lack of availability. WI DHS is coordinating with federal agencies to access the Strategic National Stockpile in order to allocate PPE resources to agencies that provide direct patient care. State and federal health services agencies continue to plan, and will announce a date for distribution when established. Other non-PPE requests are being processed based on priority of needs. These include:

- Supplies for childcare centers and law enforcement agencies across Wisconsin, which is being worked with the Business Emergency Operations Center.
- Personnel to assist with Strategic National Stockpile warehouse operations.
- Electronic forehead thermometers to monitor staff temperatures.

DHS, WEM, and the National Guard are also working in tandem to coordinate on long-term planning to establish mobile testing facilities and plan enhanced isolation protocols across the State.

Unmet Needs

There is a significant number of unmet personal protective equipment (PPE) needs in the State of Wisconsin. Items have been requested from the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS), but it is anticipated that need will exceed supply. WI DHS will receive PPE requests through an established order form, and will prioritize requests based on the scarce resource allocation decision tree developed with the State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee (SDMAC), and will continue to coordinate resource requests with WDHS.

State Agency Response

DHS DHS is working on getting the contact tracing team operational. This team has been given access to WEDSS, and will be provided just in time training tomorrow.

DHS conducted a call with long term care facilities to answer multiple questions and provide clarification on guidance as needed. Jeanne Ayers will be joining a long term care webinar 3/19 to speak further with these partners.

DHS is working with in-house epidemiologists to pull information from EM Resource regarding ventilator usage vs. availability, as well as ICU bed usage vs. availability.

Wisconsin State Lab of Hygiene is working on asset mapping in order to determine which labs are operational, which will soon be operational, supply status, and additional elements as needed. WSLH will report this information to DHS.

DHS is communicating with external partners and media to establish the expectation for case reporting numbers. The case numbers for each day will be finalized at 2pm. Any additional numbers counted by media are considered preliminary until included in the next day's counts.

DHS held the Daily Health Officer Forum at 2:00 p.m., as well as a local health partners/stakeholder webinar at 2:00 p.m., providing COVID-19 updates and Q&A.

DHS has distributed social media posts on the following:

- Updated testing numbers in WI; link to DHS outbreaks page.
- Breastfeeding and COVID-19.
- Governor Evers' request to the U.S. Small Business Administration and limiting the size of gatherings at Tuesday's press briefing.
- DHS Deputy Secretary briefing the State EOC about the latest COVID-19 developments. Posts include link to DHS COVID-19 webpage.
- *COVID-19 Facts: Protect Your Family*
- Governor Evers' discussing gathering size and testing.

DATCP issued a press release today on Tips for WI Consumers Seeking Ticket Refunds and on Price Gouging last week. DATCP has also been reaching out to industry partners to answer questions and provide assistance.

DNR is responding to a request for staff to help with the strategic national stockpile. Identifying personnel to fill specific positions not yet identified by DHS. IMT is active filling requests.

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, DOA EOC Operations, at james.langdon@wisconsin.gov to establish a line of communication. Thank you.

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.

DWD As of today, 21 job service centers are closed to the public, 32 are open. Services are provided to job seekers via telephone and web based

communication and services. Four additional job centers are expected to close tomorrow. An up to date list can be found here:

<https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/covid19/public/det.htm>.

In addition, due to decisions at the Department of Corrections, the job centers located in Wisconsin prisons are closed and staff are attempting to serve them virtually.

One DVR location (a location co-located in one of the closed job centers) is closed to the public, 41 are open. Virtual services are provided to consumers.

An update on this can be found here:

<https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/covid19/public/dvr.htm>. All other locations are open and the agency is working hard to serve all customers through virtual communications where possible in order to keep consumers and our staff safe.

Initial unemployment claims (claims made by people for the first time) are rising which causes work load issues. However, UI is able to surge staff and meet the need within acceptable standards. Approximately 98% of claimants file their claims through the web, making it easier to meet the demand. These are claims only, they do not necessarily equate to an increase in benefits. 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 Emergency Police Services (EPS) is working closely with Badger Sheriff's Association to anticipate what needs local agencies are going to have as it pertains to supplementing staff who may be unavailable/unable to work. A meeting is being held tomorrow morning to discuss and details will follow.

VOAD Response

211 Wisconsin Supporting calls state-wide for COVID-19.
Developed COVID-19 site on 211 website.

American Red Loaned cots to partner organizations.
Cross Supporting blood supply availability. Working to address current shortage.

College Possible/Serve Volunteers assisting feeding sites at MPS.
Wisconsin

5 operations in progress in WI.
Team Rubicon Personnel is focused on providing manpower to feeding, phone, and warehouse operations in MKE, Appleton, and Beloit.

Wisconsin Amateur Radio operators statewide are maintaining situational awareness
ARES/RACES and will forward any relevant reports to the SEOC WC9AAG and the Section Emergency Coordinator.

EOCs Open:

Tribal - Lac Courte Oreilles, Oneida Nation, Stockbridge-Munsee Nation, La Courte Oreilles Nation

County – Brown, Dane, Iowa, Sawyer, Pepin, Richland, Rock, Green, Sheboygan, Waukesha, Kenosha, Outagamie, Lafayette, Bayfield, Lincoln, Vernon, Burnett, Milwaukee, Marinette, Waushara, Wood, Polk, Iron

Emergencies Declared:

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

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

Current Incident Objectives and Planning Activities**Thursday SEOC Incident Objectives**

- * Provide support and situational awareness to the Governor's Office and other key personnel in coordinating multi-agency response to the COVID-19 outbreak. This includes supporting WDHS' priorities, including but not limited to contact tracing, testing capacities, and childcare assistance for healthcare workers.
- * Implement and monitor hourly measures to minimize the risk of infection by staff working in the State EOC.
- * Establish a roster of state staffing capacities to meet critical staffing needs.
- * Implement procedures for drive-through testing for COVID-19.
- * Create a volunteer clearinghouse process to support volunteer needs at critical facilities and meal deliveries.
- * Identify a timeline to receive available medical supplies and develop criteria for prioritizing medical resource requests.
- * Coordinate State Agency messaging and public outreach efforts through daily conference calls and supplement briefings with video conferencing and record them for future shifts to review at shift change.
- * Work with BEOC and VOAD to identify sources for supplies to meet the needs of childcare and other critical facilities.
- * Coordinate community planning efforts to sustain the grocery store supply chain.

Weather

Updated: 3/18/20 10:30pm

Rain and isolated to scattered thunderstorms will overspread the state for Thursday and Thursday evening. There is a Marginal to Slight Risk of Severe Thunderstorms over the southern half of the state for Thursday evening with the passage of a strong cold front. Strong wind gusts are the main threat, though a brief spin up tornado isn't entirely out of the question. The rain will change to snow Thursday night over northern WI with 1-3 inches of snow accumulation.

Aviation: MVFR to LIFR conditions are expected this afternoon into Friday morning via low stratus clouds and/or fog at times.

Space Weather: No concerns are currently anticipated.

Only minor river flooding was occurring/forecast to occur over the next few days. Heavy rainfall combined with a melting snow pack will cause increased chances in river flooding in portions of northern Wisconsin, more so northeast Wisconsin as there is still a decent snow pack there. Rainfall of 0.75-1.25 inches is forecast through early Friday morning.

Open Source Media

The National Response Coordination Center is active and FEMA ready's 50+ teams to deploy across the U.S. to activate their emergency operations centers & address the threat

<https://ktla.com/news/coronavirus/fema-prepares-to-respond-to-coronavirus-pandemic/>

200 at Children's Hospital tested for coronavirus after doctor tests positive

<https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/2020/03/18/milwaukee-childrens-hospital-doctor-tests-positive-200-more-tested/2865851001/>

Almost 7 million California residents ordered to shelter in place

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/03/16/us/coronavirus-california-shelter-in-place/index.html>

Coronavirus: Festival Foods will close stores overnight to clean, stock shelves

<https://www.greenbaypressgazette.com/story/news/2020/03/17/coronavirus-festival-foods-close-stores-overnight-stock-clean/5070928002/>

Target stores will close by 9 p.m. daily amid coronavirus; 1st hour reserved for seniors

https://fox6now.com/2020/03/17/target-stores-will-close-by-9-p-m-daily-amid-coronavirus-1st-hour-reserved-for-seniors/?taid=5e71c83472e8fa00012c069c&utm_campaign=trueAnthem%3A+Trending+Content&utm_medium=trueAnthem&utm_source=twitter