

State of Wisconsin COVID-19 Response

Situation to Date
25 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 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](#)

DHS Order

March 24, 2020

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

March 25, 2020

- [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) posts that include WI's updated daily COVID-19 numbers with a link to the DHS outbreaks page.
- [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) posts about WIC benefits and clinics with a link to [WIC Office Locations](#).
- A video post of Secretary-designee Palm discussing the Safer at Home order at Tuesday's media briefing was shared on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

Case numbers

	Globally (Data from WHO)	United States (Data from CDC*)	Wisconsin (Data from DHS)
Confirmed cases	414,179	54,453	585
Negative	--	--	10,089
Deaths	18,440	737	6

* 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*+

	Confirmed
Travel-related	584
Close Contact	986
Under Investigation	52,883
Total Cases	54,453

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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 3/25/2020	Total Deaths as of 3/25/2020
Bayfield	1	0
Brown County	3	0
Calumet County	1	0
Chippewa County	1	0
Columbia County	5	0
Dane County	88	1
Dodge	3	0
Douglas County	4	0
Dunn County	1	0
Eau Claire	5	0
Fond du Lac County	18	1
Grant County	1	0
Green County	1	0
Iowa County	3	0
Jefferson County	5	0
Kenosha County	14	0
La Crosse County	10	0
Marathon County	1	0
Milwaukee County	290	3
Monroe County	1	0
Outagamie County	4	0
Ozaukee County	20	1
Pierce County	3	0
Racine County	7	0
Rock County	4	0
Sauk County	6	0
Sheboygan County	7	0
St. Croix County	4	0
Walworth County	5	0
Washington County	21	0
Waukesha County	42	0
Winnebago County	5	0
Wood	1	0

Total Cases	585	6
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Counties highlighted in **orange** are those that have identified their first case.

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 Task Force Coordination

Isolation Facilities

Progress has been made on objectives for this operational period (see workgroup daily update for details).

Contact Tracing/Surveillance

Progress has been made on objectives for this operational period (see workgroup daily update for details).

HC Worker Childcare

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Elections

Progress has been made on objectives for this operational period (see workgroup daily update for details).

Specimen Collection/Lab Capacity

Progress has been made on objectives for this operational period (see workgroup daily update for details).

Surge Beds

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Direct Care PPE/SNS

Progress has been made on objectives for this operational period (see workgroup daily update for details).

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 DATCP/DFRS released Guidelines for Donating Food to Pantries, Shelters on 3/24/2020.

DATCP/TCP Issues RVP Variance Waiver, Providing Flexibility for Fuel Retailers on 3/25/2020.

DATCP/DAH Issues VEB Release on 03/25/2020.

DATCP/TCP Press Release on Takes Action on Price Gouging Complaints on 3/25/2020.

DATCP/DFRS release guidelines for Restaurants Owners on Food Delivers on 03/25/2020.

DNR Agency continues to evaluate/identify relevant employee specialized skillsets and capabilities to support unique DHS needs, including lab staff and modeling experts. DNR continues to have IMT capabilities to support large / project incidents and volunteer management with a complement of three Type 3 team, 74 incident commanders and specialized equipment. Teams are currently available to support fire response needs, but may be redirected to other higher priority needs. DNR requests early notification of needs, assignments and mobilization for other incidents. Contact the DNR SEOC liaison for RFI/RFA

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 All job centers are closed to the public effective March 25. All clients will be served using a variety of virtual communication means. DVR offices are already being operated in this way.

Unemployment claims continue to rise causing workload issues that the department in

addressing using surge staff and additional online guidance. We encourage people to file for unemployment using our online system, resulting in 99% of claimants using that system, allowing DWD to provide better service to those that need additional assistance.

In the last couple days, the department has received several notices of workforce reduction or temporary closures involving Wisconsin employers. The list is updated daily on the department's website at <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dislocatedworker/warn/>

WSP Nothing new to report.

DOC DOC EOC is staffed and fully activated (day 10), however today we mobilized identified staff to work offsite.

- Offices with limited operations due to “Safer at Home” order have put up signage that include the following information:
 - Information on how best to access public services continuing to be available at the office
 - Website and telephone information for accessing in-person public services that have been temporarily suspended at the location
 - Instructions for deliveries such as FedEx/UPS and legal documents
- No abnormal staffing issues within the DOC has been reported at this time.
- DOC continues to assess current resource needs and work within existing systems to request additions as needed.

DOT All rest areas continue to remain open.

DMV limiting in-person services starting March 23. For more information:
<https://wisconsin.gov/Pages/about-wisdot/newsroom/news-rel/031820-DMVService.aspx>

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, Crawford, Dane, Dodge, Door, Douglas, Eau Claire, Fond Du Lac, Florence Grant, Green, Iowa, Iron, Juneau, Jackson, Kenosha, La Crosse, Lafayette, Kenosha, 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 re: 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

Updated 3/25/20 8AM CDT

Rain will spread into northwestern Wisconsin and then rest of northern and central Wisconsin into the afternoon hours. Rain will continue through the afternoon and spread into southern Wisconsin during the evening hours. Areas near the border of the Upper Peninsula will transition to snow overnight into early Thursday morning. Snow amounts have trended downward with this system, so generally 1-2 inches is expected along and north of Highway 8 in northern WI. Rain totals will range from a half inch to around ¾ inch over northern WI with lower amounts southward.

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: IFR to MVFR conditions will persist for much of the day and into the overnight hours over northern WI and west central WI. Southern Wisconsin will be in IFR/MVFR and Should improve VFR for a period during the afternoon before returning to IFR/MVFR overnight into Thursday Morning.

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

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/>