

# State of Wisconsin COVID-19 Response

**Situation to Date**  
**22 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 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

	<b>Globally (Data from WHO)</b>	<b>United States (Data from CDC*)</b>	<b>Wisconsin (Data from DHS)</b>
<b>Confirmed cases</b>	<b>292,142</b>	<b>15,219</b>	<b>381</b>
<b>Negative</b>	--	--	<b>6,230</b>
<b>Deaths</b>	<b>12,784</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>4</b>

*\* 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\*+

	<b>Confirmed</b>
Travel-related	337
Person-to-person spread	321
Under Investigation	14,561
<b>Total Cases</b>	<b>15,219</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

Wisconsin County	Total Cases as of 3/22/2020	Total Deaths as of 3/22/2020
Bayfield	1	0
Brown County*	3	0
Calumet County	1	0
Chippewa County	1	0
Columbia County*	5	0
Dane County*	61	0
Douglas County	1	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*	10	0
La Crosse County	5	0
Marathon County	1	0
Milwaukee County*	182	2
Outagamie County	2	0
Ozaukee County	13	1
Pierce County	1	0
Racine County	4	0
Rock County	3	0
Sauk County	2	0
Sheboygan County	6	0
St. Croix County	2	0
Walworth County	3	0
Washington County	14	0
Waukesha County*	30	0
Winnebago County	5	0
Wood	1	0
<b>Total Cases</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>4</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:

- 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 DHS, WING, WEM, and VOAD partners to set up additional facilities.

## SEOC Taskforce Coordination

### **Isolation Facilities**

Task force worked on identification of isolation facilities and compiling list and mapping what information is needed to keep track of. Barriers found where contracting sites, site coordinator, admin staffing, PPE for staff, heart monitoring for person onsite, security. Also looking to identify isolation centers in local jurisdictions

### **Contact Tracing/Surveillance**

Working on reagent supplied in bulk which are immediately available and in process of software programming conversion to COVID testing to increase capacity.

### **HC Worker Childcare**

All objectives were worked on today including developing a plan to stand up at least three child care centers, developing a plan to fully operationalize health care childcare survey data, developing a survey to collect DHS Treatment facilities, developing a survey to collect DHS Treatment facilities, and developing a survey for WING/LE/SEOC staff

### **Elections**

No report

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

No Report

### **Surge Beds**

No Report

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

The PPE Team has developed a draft plan for management of the supply chain for PPE, medical supplies and other assets that are being requested as purchased items, donated items, and assets that are being procured through a buyback process. The draft plan was shared with the SEOC Management Team this morning, and their revisions and suggestions are being incorporated into the plan. The beta version of the PPE donation/buyback website and forms will be operational tomorrow morning for testing and troubleshooting.

## State Agency Response

- WI DHS DHS continues to push out the supplies received through the first shipment of strategic national stockpile (SNS) resources to Wisconsin and began preparations for the second shipment. DHS expects this shipment to arrive in the next few days. DHS met with WING and DNR in order to secure staffing, and support as needed.
- DHS has collated information from local health departments related to isolation facilities in operation, as well as those being planned. This information will be merged with information collected from the county emergency managers, and provided to our local partners as needed.
- DHS created and published social media posts on the following topics:
- “Keep Calm and Flatten the Curve”.
  - Updated COVID-19 daily numbers in Wisconsin.
  - Mental health, resources and support during COVID-19 outbreak.
  - Governor Evers urging Wisconsinites to stay home to protect yourself and others.
  - Encouraging followers to stay up to date on COVID-19 in Wisconsin, including a link to the DHS outbreaks page.
  - Encouraging different ways to connect to each other while social distancing, like texting, FaceTime, calling, etc.
- DATCP 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.
- DATCP DATCP has issued guidance on the impacts to Veterinary Clinic due to Governor's Emergency Order #5.
- DATCP DATCP Division of Animal Health issued guidance to: licensed truckers, markets, dealers and feedlots on Governor's Emergency Order #5.
- DATCP/DPRS sent out guidance on the Governor's Emergency Order #5 to restaurants.
- DATCP/DPRS sent out additional information to Campgrounds on the Governor's Emergency Order #5.
- DATCP/DPRS issued more guidance for the following groups: Meat Plant Operators, Public Pools, Water Attraction Operators, Hotel and Motel Operators due to the Governor's Emergency Order #5.
- DATCP issued the following press release - Wisconsin Petroleum Marketers, DATCP Report Wisconsin Fuel Supply Remains Stable.
- DNR
1. Operational Readiness - Agency continues to maintain core business functions remotely through telework. Most public facing, in-person facilities and services have been closed/canceled--and where able--transitioned to online service portals. Staff surveys are in-progress to determine excess staff available to deploy in support of DHS response.
  2. Current Department Commitments

- a. Forestry – Forestry does not have any external commitments at this time. They have an internal commitment to the Portage Levee Dam but only based upon river levels so it is not in effect at this time. See fire danger outlook below.
- b. Law Enforcement - DNR law enforcement continues to implement a property protection plan on state park properties due to facility closures and reduced staffing. All state park offices, visitor centers ,and non-essential buildings remain closed, but the properties themselves remain open for public use. Campsites will be closed through 4-30-20.
- c. SEOC Deployments - DNR continues to provide staff tasked to DHS in support of SNS fulfillment.

3. Flood Danger Outlook - Currently monitoring conditions. No flood response efforts required at this time. Combination of rain and melting snow the past few days has resulted in some river rises, with some reaching action or minor flood stage. Basic forecast: continued quiet conditions in the near-term. All officials that are routinely engaged in flood response should continue advance planning to balance flood issues with COVID-19 issues, particularly in light of likely public safety staff shortages.

4. Fire Danger Outlook - Fire danger is low in the northern portion of the state and moderate in the southern portion. <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/ForestFire/restrictions.html> . Forest Protection staff is in the process of writing a COVID-19 Wildland Fire Response Plan. (Jolene Ackerman)

5. Planning - Agency continues to evaluate/identify relevant employee specialized skillsets and capabilities to support unique DHS needs, including lab staff and PPE sourcing.

DOA The Department of Administration is assisting WDHS identify additional personnel for COVID-19 response. DOA asks state agencies to consider excess personnel capacity that may be available to assist WDHS. 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](mailto:james.langdon@wisconsin.gov) to establish a line of communication.

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.

DWD As of March 22, 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>.

Initial unemployment claims (claims made by people for the first time) are rising rapidly which causes work load issues. However, UI is able to surge staff and meet the need. DWD is

working to secure more resources to allow our UI staff to work remotely but having difficulty getting a response from our vendor, RSA. We are concerned about being able to provide sufficient social distancing while meeting our responsibility to our unemployed workers during this time. 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 Overweight permits in WI are valid on all roads including the interstate system. The only restrictions are Class II roads and hard posted roads and bridges.

WI's overweight permit is specific to transportation of inventory to supply grocery retailers. A carrier would need a permit from each state they are operating in, there is no national permit at this time.

FMCSA did expand their list of items that can be carried and still provide the carrier relief from parts 390-399, that information is attached. Please note there is a distinct difference in commodities which can be hauled to obtain a valid WI permit and get relief from the Federal regulations

DOT All rest areas continue to remain open.

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

## VOAD Response

211 Wisconsin Supporting calls state-wide for COVID-19.  
Developed COVID-19 site on 211 website.  
Assisting Red Cross provide Blood Drive information

American Red Cross Working on Isolation Shelter Planning with DHS Task Force.  
Assisting VOAD with identifying Mental Health support services and in developing Supply and Volunteer options to support various State Agencies Volunteer needs.  
Supporting blood supply availability. Working to address current shortage by promoting and adding blood drives throughout Wisconsin.

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

Team Rubicon Five operations in progress in Wisconsin.  
Personnel is focused on providing manpower to feeding, phone, and warehouse operations in Milwaukee, Appleton, and Beloit.

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

United Way of Wisconsin Launched Volunteer Wisconsin website to support organizations who need volunteers.

## 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:**

Stand up isolation facilities in Madison, Milwaukee, by March 23 and Fox Valley by March 27  
Conduct pre-planning for seven, 24/7 DHS care facilities

### **Specimen Collection & Lab Capacity:**

Develop criteria deployment plan for the three National Guard teams capable of specimen collection  
Work with private and public sector partners to secure reagent supply  
Engage public/private partnership to stand up alternate lab capacity at one location  
Develop legal guidance for State Lab of Hygiene (SLH) to use other labs

### **Healthcare Child Care:**

Develop a plan stand up at least three child care centers  
Develop a plan to fully operationalize health care childcare survey data  
Develop a survey to collect DHS Treatment facilities  
CRM develop a survey for WING/LE/ SEOC staff

### **Staff Augmentation:**

Establish a roster of state staffing capacities to meet identified critical staffing needs  
Develop a ad hoc group including PLNS, EPIC and OPS to identify immediate staffing needs by the SEOC and newly established groups by 1200 on March 22.

**Surge:**

Develop a plan for long term care facility surge  
Develop a plan to deploy five regional field hospitals  
Deploy a system for using Epic data to monitor ICU bed and ventilator capacity

**Contact Tracing/Surveillance:**

Complete deployment of 60 additional contact tracers to follow up on all positive cases by March 23  
Model spread of the disease to support future decision-making including the use of additional models and data  
Based on current and alternate model data project 7 day and 30 day PPE usage

**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:**

Revise the DHS guidance on the DHS web site to make it easier for the public to access  
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:**

Distribute all current SNS supplies by March 22  
Develop a buy-back policy that can be announced by 0900 March 23  
Validate/refine guidance on the distribution of PPE  
Develop process for warehouse point of distribution of FEMA supplies and materials to support day care centers and non-medical first responders

**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 03/22/2020  
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 03/22/2020

**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. MBK

#### **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: Wolf, Black, Trempealeau, Baraboo, Kickapoo, Rock, Pecatonica.

## Open Source Media

'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](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>

Wis. National Guard mobilized amid COVID-19 pandemic

<https://wkow.com/2020/03/19/300-national-guard-troops-called-to-active-duty-amid-covid-19-pandemic-response/>

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/>