



Wisconsin Heights School District Operational Planning

February 22, 2021

Dane County Public Health Updates



1. Public Health Madison & Dane County - [Emergency Order #13](#)
 - Updated 2/8/21 included many changes, expires March 10 - [Sports FAQ](#)
2. PHMDC School Guidance - Updated on December 14
 - a. [School requirements](#)
 - b. [Action plan for a positive case](#)
3. [Current Dane County Snapshot](#) - updated 2/18/21
 - a. Incidence and known transmission in red
 - b. 14-day case avg is 95 (was 118 at February 8 meeting)

Decision Making Framework



- Public Health Madison and Dane County (PHMDC) guidelines
 - What are they recommending for county schools?
- Local census tract data
 - What do case counts look like in Mazomanie and Black Earth? How does this compare when calculated on a per 100,000 basis?
- Our lived experience in our evolving instructional model - including staff capacity
 - Are protocols, procedures, and people holding up with our present number of students in-house and online?

Instructional Delivery



- The dial will continue to turn based on three factors
 - Public Health Madison and Dane County (PHMDC) guidelines
 - Local census tract data
 - Our lived experience in our enhanced online model - including staff capacity
- All district facilities are now operating in an AM/PM hybrid model
- Evaluation window = approximately three weeks

Black Earth Hybrid 4K-2nd Grade



4K	Kindergarten	1st Grade	2nd Grade
<p>Online 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5 students <p>Online 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4 students <p>In-Person Classroom 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AM 11 students<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ 5 M/T, 5 Th/F <p>In-Person Classroom 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AM 14 students<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ 7 M/T, 7 Th/F• PM 11 students<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ 5 M/T, 6 Th/F	<p>Online</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 15 students <p>In-Person Classroom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AM 10 students• PM 8 students <p>In-Person Classroom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AM 9 students• PM 9 students	<p>Online</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 27 students <p>In-Person Classroom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AM 6 students• PM 6 students <p>In-Person Classroom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AM 8 students• PM 5 students <p>In-Person Classroom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AM 9 students	<p>Online</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 19 students <p>In-Person Classroom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AM 11 students• PM 10 students <p>In-Person Classroom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AM 11 students• PM 11 students



Mazomanie Elementary - Hybrid Model

3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade
<p>In-Person: 46 students (85%) Online: 8 students</p> <p>Classroom 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">AM 8 in-person 2 AM-onlinePM 6 in-person <p>Classroom 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">AM 10 in-person 2 AM-onlinePM 8 in-person <p>Classroom 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">AM 10 in-personPM 5 in-person 4 PM-online	<p>In-Person: 27 students (68%) Online: 13 students</p> <p>Classroom 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">AM 5 in-personPM 6 in-person <p>Classroom 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">AM 9 in-personPM 7 in-person <p>Classroom 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">AM 8 onlinePM 5 online	<p>In-Person: 46 students (80%) Online: 13 students</p> <p>Classroom 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">AM 12 in-personPM 6 online <p>Classroom 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">AM 10 in-personPM 10 in-person <p>Classroom 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">AM 11 in-personPM 7 online

Numbers for 3rd quarter

How many students . . .

- Full-time Online:
 - 84 students
- AM Hybrid:
 - 148 students
- PM Hybrid:
 - 126 students
- Transportation:
 - AM: 70 students
 - PM: 42 students

Results



- Masks: Only minor issue → students forgetting mask
- Social distancing: To the greatest extent possible → frequent reminders to space out but only minor issues
- Small class sizes: Students notice the different group dynamic.
- Transition: Adjusting to different times, schedules -- much like start of any school year.

FUTURE

Upcoming events to note

- Parent-Teacher Conferences through zoom
- March 9 Statewide ACT, only Juniors on campus
- Course selection for 2021-22 SY

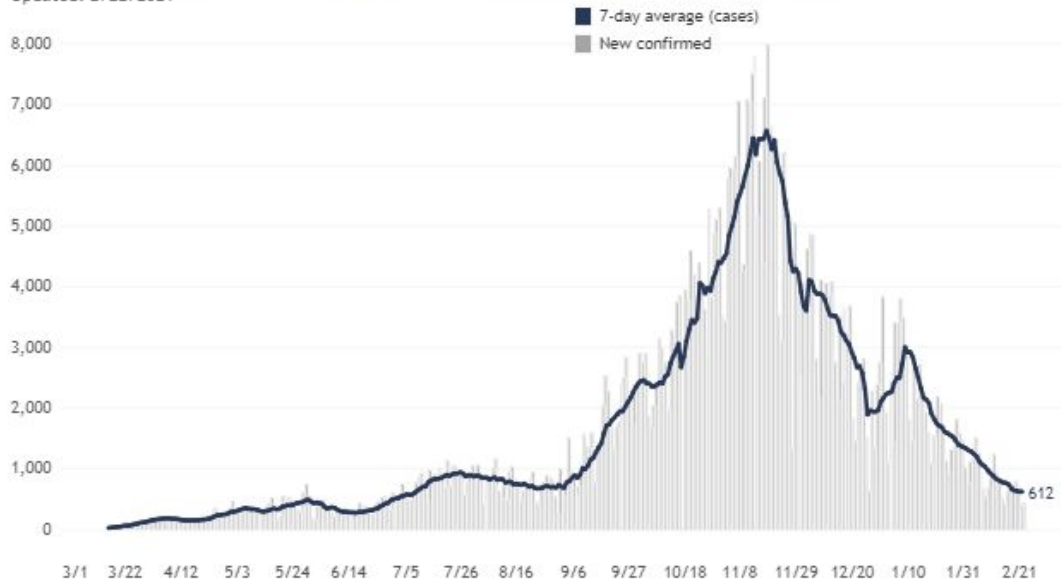
WI Data



#44 spot in the US on the [Harvard Global Health Institute Dashboard](#)

New confirmed COVID-19 cases by date confirmed, and 7-day average

Updated: 2/22/2021

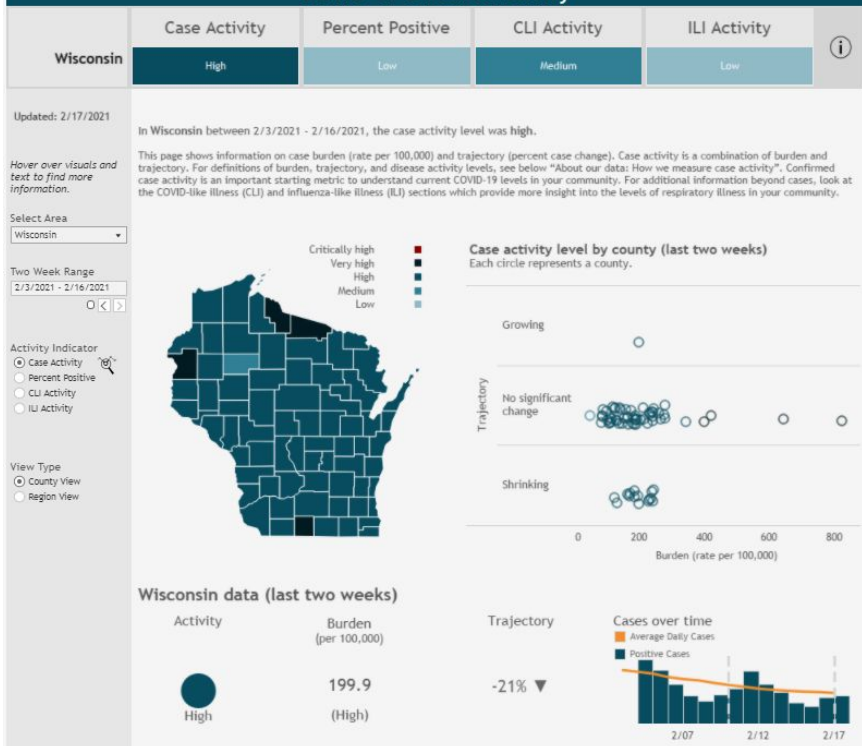


	14 day Average Case count	14 day Average % Positive
Nov 23	6143	30.6%
Dec 14	3690	28.3%
Jan 11	2585	29.7%
Feb 8	1175	4.2%
Feb 22	688	3.4%

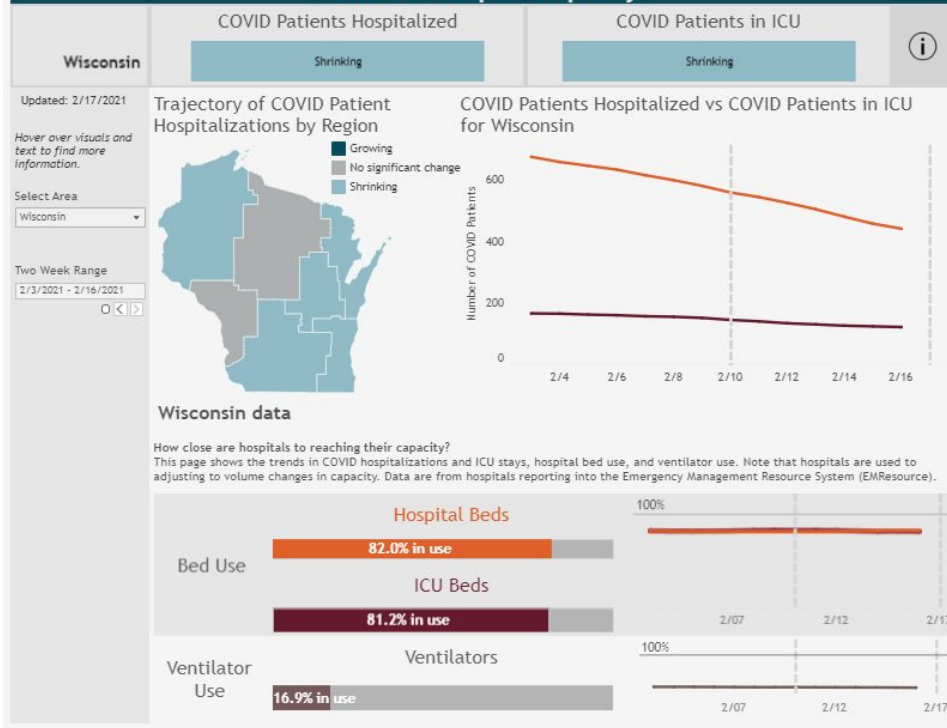
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COVID-19 Disease Activity



COVID-19 Hospital Capacity



Dane County Data



DANE COUNTY COVID-19 DATA

February 18, 2021 *Data from February 1—February 14*

Takeaway Messages

- There was a significant decrease in cases during this 14-day period, and percent positivity was 1.4%. 39% of cases were UW-Madison (UW) students or staff and 65% of tests were conducted by UW's University Health Services (UHS). When excluding cases and tests from UHS, Dane County still has a low percent positivity of 2.6%.
- The number of people who have received at least one dose of vaccine in the past nine weeks is now more than double the number of people who have gotten COVID-19 over the past year. 15.3% of the entire Dane County population has received at least one dose of vaccine.
- 15 people who tested positive (1.1% of all cases) were associated with assisted living or skilled nursing facilities, which is the lowest number we've had since September 24. More than half of all Dane County residents age 65+ have received at least one dose of vaccine.

Domain	Measure	Dane County Status
Epidemiology: We must have few enough cases of COVID-19 to be swiftly contained. This is an important parameter, and our thresholds for phased reopening are set at levels that align with the progression of our epidemic locally—a lower positivity rate than what is seen at the state level and a low number of cases per 100,000 residents. For the past 2 weeks, Dane County has a high activity level.	Percent of total tests that were positive, averaged across most recent 14 day period (goal of <5%)	1.4%
Healthcare: A sustained, high testing level is a critical metric, as testing is how we detect active infection and prevent transmission of COVID-19. Alongside testing to monitor the course of the epidemic, it is vital that healthcare systems are equipped to manage patient care in the context of a surge caused by COVID-19 as well as protect healthcare workers from infection.	Number of cases per day, averaged across most recent 14 day period (goal of <5)	95
For the past 2 weeks, the South Central Region has a shrinking trajectory for both COVID patients hospitalized and COVID patients in the ICU.	Number of tests per day, averaged across most recent 14 day period (goal of >800)	6697
Public Health: Our ability to identify and isolate infections is critical to prevent further spread. Through rapid contact tracing, we can identify and notify contacts who have been exposed. Through education and isolation assistance, we can help keep people who test positive and their contacts separated from others for the duration of the infectious period, and lower the risk of spread in the community. Monitoring community spread—the percentage of cases with an unidentified risk factor—is how we can gain a sense of the scale of undetected disease spread.	Hospital staffing shortages: Within this 14 day period, five hospitals in our region reported at least one day of critical staffing shortage. None of these hospitals were within Dane County.	Decreasing or stable numbers of infected healthcare workers
	All positive cases be contacted quickly after their test is collected (goal of 85% contacted within 48 hours)	77%
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 87% of positive tests were reported within 24 hours • 93% of cases were interviewed within 24 hours of when their positive test was reported • 88% of cases have been successfully contacted so far 	45%
	Proportion of new cases over the most recent 14 day period who don't know where they could have gotten COVID (goal of <20%)	Downward or stable trajectory of COVID-like syndromic cases reported within this 14 day period

	14 day Average Case count	14 day Average % Positive
Nov 23	399.9	7.4%
Dec 13	224.1	5.9%
Jan 10	204.5	7.2%
Feb 8	111.2	2.1%
Feb 22	92.7	1.1%

Black Earth & Mazomanie Data



	Nov 23	Dec 14	Jan 11	Feb 8	Feb 22
Census Tract 131	155	190	220	247	255
Census Tract 129	189	222	255	286	291
Total New Cases	127	68	63	37	13
% Positive 14 Day Average	31.8%	24%	23.8%	29.2%	12.2%

Wisconsin Heights School District



	Dec 14	Jan 11	Jan 25	Feb 8	Feb 22
Total Cases	242	284	296	320	328
Total cases past 7 days	9	10	6	14	3

Population = 6,293 (all ages)

7 day average cases per 100,000



	Nov 23	Dec 14	Jan 11	Feb 8	Feb 22
WI	101	60.5	50.3	24.3	10.6
Dane	65.3	37.0	38.1	21.5	15.8
BE/MZ	89.1	35.0	20.7	30.2	12.7
WI Heights	NA	22.7	22.7	31.8	6.8

Vaccinations



	# Vaccines Given	# Completed Series	% Population w/ at least 1 dose
Wisconsin	1,186,325	352,791	13.9%
Dane County	127,867	40,967	15.9%
WHSD	42	27	30.4%

Athletics Updates



- Indoor limit of 25 (includes spectators, players and coaches, but NOT event workers and officials)
- Outdoor limit of 100 (same conditions as above) for moderate/high risk sports
- Outdoor limit of 150 for low risk sports where social distancing can be maintained IF no food is provided
- Practices and competitions for all sports can include contact and be within six feet
- Social distancing must be maintained when the student is not actively playing or practicing

Athletics



- Facilities -- Begin to open up to community groups
 - Masks required
 - Public gathering limits apply
- Alternate Fall Updates:
 - Cross country -- Capitol will join with the Rock Valley Conference for several meets
 - Volleyball -- Full schedule (14 games, no invites)
 - Boys Soccer -- Partial schedule (12 games)
 - Football -- Partial schedule (5 games)

Athletics -- Transportation



1. School transports students on the bus/van when able
2. Families transport students when busing not available
3. Students transport themselves when first two options are not available
4. Students transport other students as a last resort



Coaches Pay

- At the beginning of the year, we established [criteria](#) to pay coaches based on the length of the season
- Due to PHMDC Order #10, our activities were interrupted for four weeks
- Coaches held open gyms and individual coaching two times per week during those four weeks
- Girls basketball = Completed 8/12 weeks (66%)
- Boys basketball = Completed 9/12 weeks (75%)
- Drama = 25 practices originally scheduled, 29 practices completed (100%)

Food Service



- **Meals served to date: 13,021 breakfasts and 14,458 lunches; 27,479 total in 22 weeks**
- We need your help! Participation decreased by 36% from December to February. Please consider:
 - Sharing school meals with the whole family
 - Swapping foods with friends and neighbors
 - Ordering every other week or once per month
- Let us know how to improve the school meals programs
- Save the Date - Pizza Party on the lunch menu

What's Next?



Ongoing

- February 2021 and beyond - continue to evaluate three critical factors as we consider turning the dial (PHMDC, local census tract data, our lived experiences).
1. Ongoing - Feedback cycles with parents, students, families & staff.
 2. February 22 - School Board meeting - feedback from first four days of MS/HS in-person hybrid model
 3. February 25 (PM) & February 26 (AM) - parent/teacher virtual conferences
 4. March 5-7 & 12-14 - PHMDC planned vaccinations for Dane County educators
 5. March 10 - PHMDC emergency order #13 expires