



Wisconsin Heights School District Operational Planning

March 8, 2021



Dane County Public Health Updates

1. Public Health Madison & Dane County - [Emergency Order #14](#)
 - 3/2/21 included impactful changes, **takes effect March 10**
2. PHMDC School Guidance - Updated on March 2
 - a. [Forward Dane Plan - Updated](#)
 - b. [Action plan for a positive case](#)
3. [Current Dane County Snapshot](#) - updated **3/4/21**
 - a. PHMDC created year in review document for this week

Changes With Updated PHMDC Order



Emergency Order #14 softened the language for students to be physically distanced.

- “**Ensuring ~~students and employees with face coverings~~ are at least six feet from others to the greatest extent possible ~~when indoors or on buses.~~**” (Pg. 5, iii, 2)
- “When six feet distancing is not possible for students, ensuring that student and employee **groupings are as static as possible** by having the same group of students stay with the same employees as much as possible. Restrict mixing between groups as much as possible.” (Pg. 5, iii, 3)
(It should be noted that Close Contact definitions have not changed)

Gather limits indoors and outdoors increased

- A Gathering inside where food or drink is offered or provided is limited to 150 individuals. A Gathering inside where food or drink is not offered or provided is limited to 350 individuals. Individuals must maintain six feet physical distancing and face coverings are required.
- A Gathering outside is limited to 500 individuals. Individuals must maintain six feet physical distancing. Face coverings required at gatherings of more than 50 individuals.

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

Instructional Delivery - Proposal



- Bring students back to full day in-person instruction on April 12
 - K-5 - tentatively five days per week
 - 6-12 - tentatively four days per week (Wednesday remains online)
- Principals will survey parents in the next few days to assess interest in participating
- Bring more details to March 22 board meeting

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 12 students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 6 M/T, 6 Th/F <p>In-Person Classroom 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AM 13 students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 7 M/T, 6 Th/F • PM 13 students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 7 M/T, 6 Th/F 	<p>Online</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 students <p>In-Person Classroom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AM 10 students • PM 7 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"> • 26 students <p>In-Person Classroom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AM 8 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"> • 15 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 <p>In-Person Classroom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PM 7 students



Mazomanie Elementary - Hybrid Model

3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade
<p>In-Person: 47 students 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 11 in-person 2 AM-onlinePM 6 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 Online: 13 students</p> <p>Classroom 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">AM 5 in-personPM 7 in-person <p>Classroom 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">AM 9 in-personPM 6 in-person <p>Classroom 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">AM 8 onlinePM 5 online	<p>In-Person: 50 students Online: 9 students</p> <p>Classroom 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">AM 13 in-personPM 3 online <p>Classroom 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">AM 11 in-personPM 10 in-person <p>Classroom 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">AM 11 in-personPM 6 online

Middle/High School -- Updates



- **Survey for staggered return:**
 - Students who want to add into current model on 3/22
 - Students who will wait until 4/12 to return to full days.
 - Students who will remain full time online
- **Adjustments for return to full days:**
 - Lunch
 - Transportation -- later arrival and dismissal times

HS UPDATES

PROM

1. Under current order, socially distanced with masks.
2. Off campus at an indoor/outdoor facility
3. Friday, May 28, 8-11

HS UPDATES

Graduation

1. Outdoor ceremony on Football Field
2. Socially distanced and masked
3. Ticketed event with family “pods”
4. Sunday, May 30, at 1:00 pm

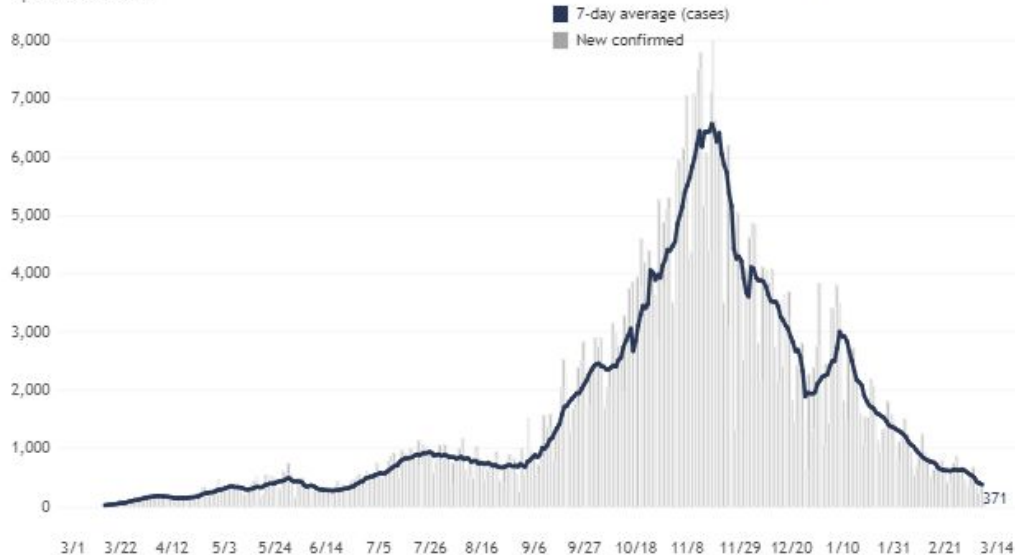
WI Data



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

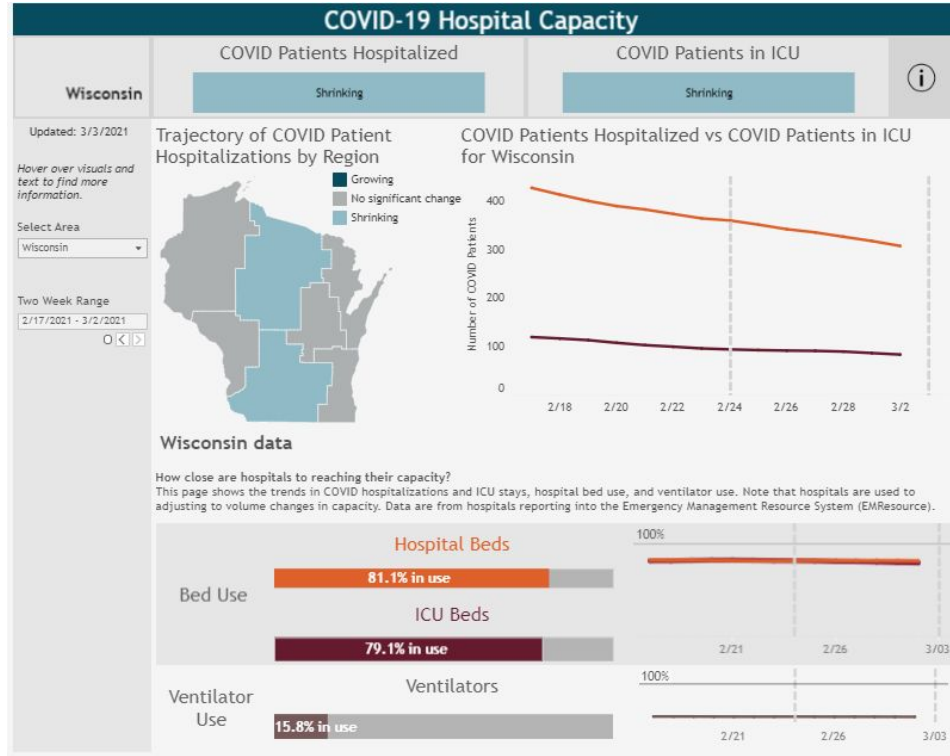
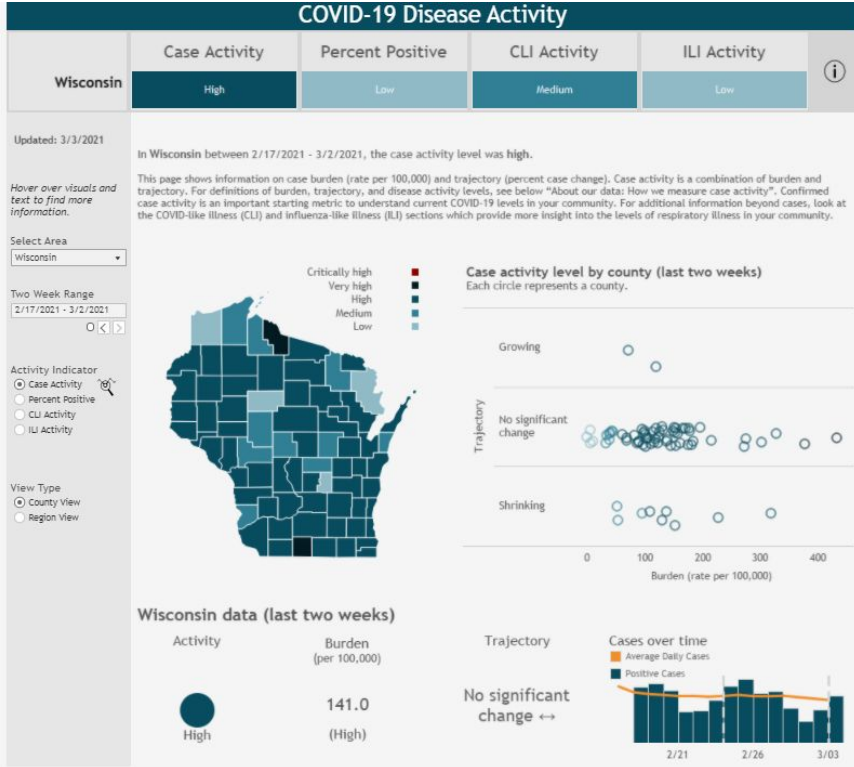
New confirmed COVID-19 cases by date confirmed, and 7-day average

Updated: 3/8/2021



	14 day Average Case count	14 day Average % Positive
Nov 23	6143	30.6%
Jan 11	2585	29.7%
Feb 8	1175	4.2%
Feb 22	688	3.4%
March 8	491	3.02%

WI Data



Dane County Data



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%)	1.2%
	Number of cases per day, averaged across most recent 14 day period (goal of <5)	88
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 tests per day, averaged across most recent 14 day period (goal of >800)	7460
	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.	
For the past 2 weeks, the South Central Region has no significant change for both COVID patients hospitalized and COVID patients in the ICU.	Decreasing or stable numbers of infected healthcare workers	
	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.	All positive cases be contacted quickly after their test is collected (goal of 85% contacted within 48 hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 92% of positive tests were reported within 24 hours • 85% of cases were interviewed within 24 hours of when their positive test was reported • 91% of cases have been successfully contacted so far
	Proportion of new cases over the most recent 14 day period who don't know where they could have gotten COVID (goal of <20%)	49%
	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%
Jan 10	204.5	7.2%
Feb 8	111.2	2.1%
Feb 22	92.7	1.1%
March 8	62.5	0.81%

Black Earth & Mazomanie Data



	Nov 23	Dec 14	Jan 11	Feb 8	Feb 22	March 8
Census Tract 131	155	190	220	247	255	265
Census Tract 129	189	222	255	286	291	304
Total New Cases	127	68	63	37	13	23
% Positive 14 Day Average	31.8%	24%	23.8%	29.2%	12.2%	23%

Wisconsin Heights School District



	Dec 14	Jan 11	Jan 25	Feb 8	Feb 22	March 8
Total Cases	242	284	296	320	328	342
Total cases past 7 days	9	10	6	14	3	8

Population = 6,293 (all ages)

7 day average cases per 100,000



	Nov 23	Dec 14	Jan 11	Feb 8	Feb 22	March 8
WI	101	60.5	50.3	24.3	10.6	8.5
Dane	65.3	37.0	38.1	21.5	15.8	12.2
BE/MZ	89.1	35.0	20.7	30.2	12.7	14.3
WI Heights	NA	22.7	22.7	31.8	6.8	18.1

Vaccinations



	# Vaccines Given	# Completed Series	% Population w/ at least 1 dose
Wisconsin	1,707,486	602,002	18.4%
Dane County	174,846	68,786	19.4%
WHSD	84 - 1st dose 24 - this week 108 total	42	76.8%



Athletics Updates

- Indoor limit of 350 when no food is served (includes spectators and players, but NOT coaches, event workers and officials)
- Outdoor limit of 500 (same conditions as above)
- Capitol Conference guidelines limit four spectators per student/athlete
- 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



- Volleyball team will be quarantined through March 18th, and return to practice on March 19th
- Minimum of five practices prior to next competition
- Next match is Thursday March 25th

Athletics -- Start Dates



Sport	Start Date	First Competition
Football	March 8	March 26
Cross Country	March 15	March 23
Boys Soccer	March 22	April 1
LaCrosse	April 12	April 19
Softball	April 19	April 27
Baseball	April 19	May 1
Track	April 19	May 11
Golf	April 19	April 22
Girls Soccer	April 26	May 4

Student Services/Spec. Ed. Update



Behavioral Emotional Social Traits Screener (b.e.s.t.) - Spring Window starts tomorrow for elementary school teachers to screen students

Youth Risk Behavior Survey conducted at MS/HS online last month - The behaviors monitored by the include traffic safety; weapons and violence; suicide; tobacco use; alcohol and other drug use; sexual behavior; and diet, nutrition, and exercise

ChildFind/Child Development Screener - The new format due to COVID-19 is one we are going to keep doing moving forward. We reduced number of staff involved, increased time with students and parents, and had better quality assessments.

Food Service



- **Meals served to date: 14,208 breakfasts and 15,666 lunches; 29,874 total in 24 weeks**
- Let us know how to improve the school meals programs
- Save the Date - Pizza Party on the lunch menu

What's Next?



1. Ongoing - Feedback cycles with parents, students, families & staff. Evaluate our three critical factors.
2. March 8 - School Board meeting - feedback from in-person district-wide hybrid model
3. March 9 - 21 - PHMDC planned vaccinations for Dane County educators
4. March 10 - PHMDC emergency order #14 starts
5. March 22 - School Board meeting - planning updates regarding expanded in-person learning
6. April 12 - tentative start date of full day in-person learning