

Dane County COVID-19 Coordination Conference Call - Notes

AUG 3, 2020 – 1:00 PM

Dave Janda, Assistant Director, Dane County Emergency Management, Host

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Participants:

Local Units of Government Representatives

Public Safety Association Representatives

Emergency Response Partner Agencies

Public and Private School Representatives

Inter-Hospital Communications and Planning Representatives

Other Community-Based Organizations and Community Leaders

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Agenda

1. Introduction and Purpose of Call
 - a. Dave Janda, Assistant Director, Dane County Emergency Management, Host
 - i. Weekly MON coordination conference calls between Dane County Emergency and participants (see list at top of page) on MON at 1:00 pm.
 - ii. Purpose of the call is Information sharing, updates, and responding to questions.
 1. Phones muted (except for identified speakers)
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2. Briefing from [Public Health Madison and Dane County](#)
 - a. John Hausbeck, Supervisor
 - i. Update. Data on the dashboard shows that we are in a steady pattern. The increase in cases in JUN and then declines through JUL have leveled out. The activity of hospital in-patient care is bouncing around. Things are better than they were, but we have a ways to go to feel comfortable when we are back to a good place.
 - ii. Clarifying information on the Phases. Dave sent out some clarifying information. We are still using the phased approach for re-opening, but it looks different than when we started due to the spike. Have had to make adjustments. The Forward Dane Plan does not have the previous chart as they are working on what the various phases will look like. Hoping to share in the future, but we are not at a point to allow us to move forward or consider moving forward. We are improving, but not where we need to be (e.g., metrics - 9 measures). There are multiple red ratings among the metrics at this time.

- iii. Follow-up information on the R value mentioned last week. A measure of how many individual single case exposes. Looking for an R value of less than 1. Not something we are publishing, but one of the data points the data team is reviewing. There are 9 metrics helping to inform us on when we can move forward. We will go over with the data team and if there is interest in this and the other process measures we use, we can share later.
- iv. Now that the state has a mask mandate in place, which order has precedence in Dane County? The [State order](#) allows more restrictive local orders (e.g., Dane County order). There are a few places where the Dane County order is more strict. We require masks indoors at your home if the people are not part of your household. We don't have exceptions for individuals to remove their masks (which the state has allowances for). Need to remain masked when you are in line close to others outdoors. The State is more strict at defining the face covering and does not allow face shields and does not allow face coverings with openings or valves. The [state order](#) definition of enclosed spaces: "Enclosed space" means a confined space open to the public where individuals congregate, including but not limited to outdoor bars, outdoor restaurants, taxis, public transit, ride-share vehicles, and outdoor park structures."
- v. The order that is most restrictive takes precedence.
- vi. Addressing a question on masks and voting. All eligible voters must be allowed to vote whether they have a mask or not. People who are not exempt from the order should wear a mask, but poll workers will not enforce the public health order on masks. Enforcement left to Madison/Dane County Public Health. A poll worker may remind someone to put their mask on or they might provide a mask, but they will not enforce.
- vii. Dave question: Is there a FAQ that describes the distinction between the State and County orders?
 - 1. John response: There was discussion about creating an FAQ, but it has not happened yet. Also some discussion on adjusting the County order to match the state, but not sure of the status.
- viii. Dave question: Do playgrounds count as outdoor play structures?
 - 1. John response: Unsure. Would have to investigate further.
- ix. Dave question: Do you have an update on the testing arrangements at the Alliant Energy Center and any extension?
 - 1. John response: The Alliant Energy Center will continue with testing at this time. No additional information at this time.
- x. Dave question? Will it go beyond the tentative ending date of AUG 7?
 - 1. John response: Yes. It will continue past AUG 7, but do not have a firm time for how long it will continue.
- xi. Dave question: Will MDCPH issue any additional guidance for schools?
 - 1. John response: Yes. There are folks working on this. More to come (no specific information).
- xii. Dave question: If someone cannot wear a mask due to medical issues, what does a store, polling place, etc. do - how to respond? Do they have to provide some sort of documentation?

1. John response: Take the response at face value. Let them proceed without a mask.
- xiii. Current Data
 1. 4,229 confirmed cases-Dane County (54,924-[State](#))
 2. 37 deaths-Dane County (948-State)
 3. 176,718 tested-Dane County (959,950 State)
3. Announcements
 - a. Much of what we have shared over the past months is in a steady state. Testing, PPE distro, mental health, human services - all are ongoing. Everything is being managed in the same manner as how they have been presented over the past. A steady state at this time.
4. Questions
 - a. See above.
5. Next steps
 - a. Next call is MON, 10 AUG 2020, 1:00 pm.
 - b. Please send questions, comments, or requests for additional information to: emergencymanagement@countyofdane.com