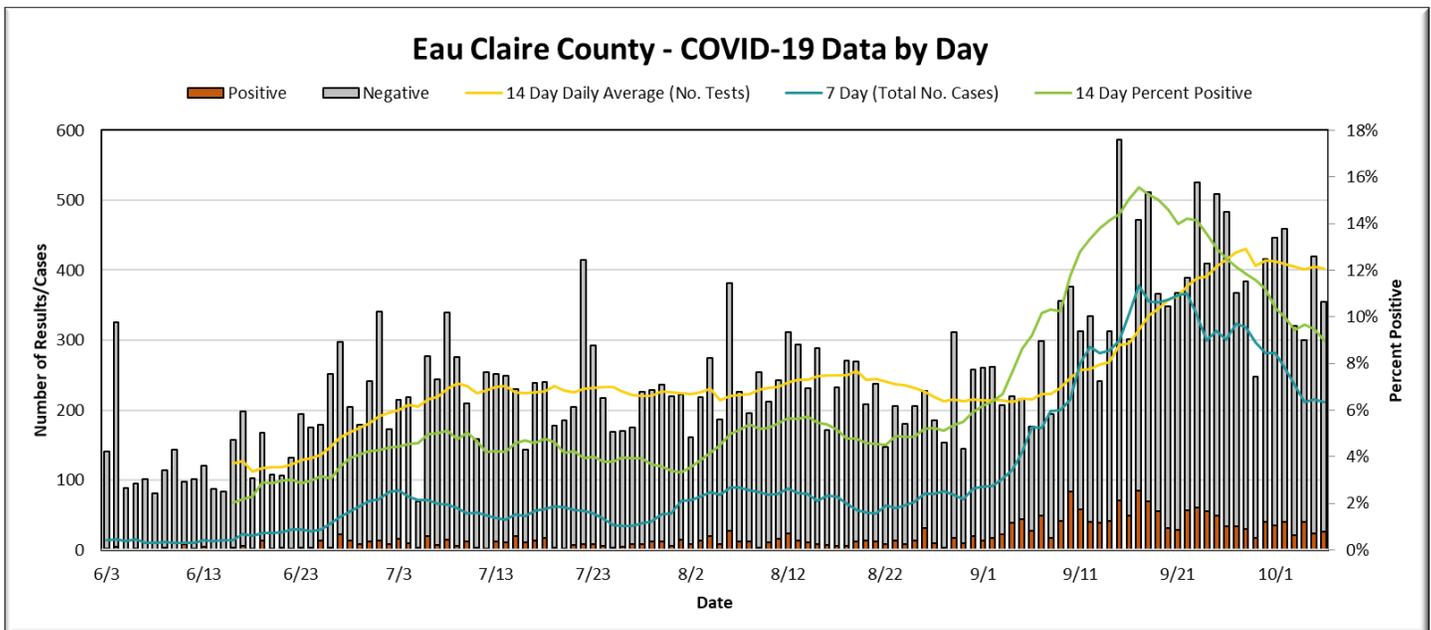


COVID-19 State and Local Case Summary

Data as reported to DHS by 9:00 PM on 10/06/2020						
<i>*unless otherwise noted, percent change calculated from previous week (may include jurisdiction corrections)</i>						
County/State	Total Cases	Change from Previous Day	Change from Previous Week	14 Day Cumulative Positivity Rate [^]	Cases per 100k People	Deaths
Eau Claire	2,211	+27 (+1.2%)	+211 (+10.6%)	9.0% (-2.4)	2,148.8	8 (+2)
Buffalo	161	+1 (+0.6%)	+18 (+12.6%)	4.8% (+0.3)	1,191.8	2 (-)
Chippewa	698	+31 (+4.6%)	+113 (+19.3%)	7.3% (+1.8)	1,086.9	0 (-)
Clark	502	+11 (+2.2%)	+86 (+20.7%)	12.1% (+2.5)	1,445.0	8 (-)
Dunn	706	+6 (+0.9%)	+94 (+15.4%)	9.7% (-1.8)	1,576.7	1 (+1)
Jackson	189	+8 (+4.4%)	+33 (+21.2%)	8.0% (+1.1)	915.5	1 (-)
Pepin	73	+3 (4.3%)	+5 (+7.4%)	6.0% (+0.8)	993.3	0 (-)
Trempealeau	748	+6 (+0.8%)	+78 (+11.6%)	7.5% (-0.8)	2,550.1	2 (-)
Wisconsin	138,698	+2,319 (+1.7%)	+16,424 (+13.43%)	9.6% (+0.2)	2,399.2	1,415 (+6.63%)

[^]This rate is calculated 'by test'. This means that if one person is tested multiple times, each of those tests are counted in the denominator of total tests.



Additional Data: [EC County](#) [WI County-Level](#) [Wisconsin](#) [U.S.](#)

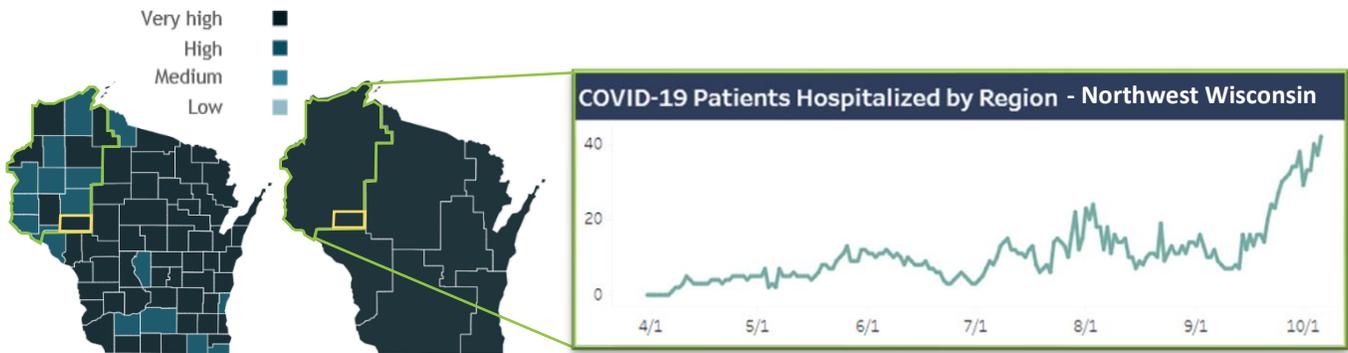
Eau Claire County Weekly Metrics Summary

(Unless otherwise noted, metrics were calculated using data reported by WI DHS during 14-days ending 10/06/2020 and compared to the 14-days ending on 09/29/2020)

● Good ■ Proceed with Caution ● Metric is Concerning — Status Not Classified ↓/↑ Metric Improved ↓/↑ Metric Declined

Metric Description	Value	Change	Metric Status
Percent Positive Tests (<i>New Calculation by WI DHS</i>) <i>*Includes negative tests not yet finalized in the disease reporting system and may include multiple days of results from one individual</i>	9.0%	↓2.4	■
Change in New Cases (<i>within last 14 days</i>) 508 Total: 211 in final 7 days/297 in first 7 days	508 Total (211/297)	↓29%	●
Case Activity Level (<i>State Calculated</i>)	Very High	No Change	—
New Outbreaks	9	↓7	●
Community Spread	38%	↑5	●
COVID-Like Illness Activity Level (<i>State Measure</i>)	Medium	↓	—
Tests Conducted (<i># of tests/100k people/day</i>)	392	↓9	—
Health Care Worker Testing	100%	No Change	●
Crisis Care Patient Treatment	100%	No Change	●
Case Contact Timeliness (<i>in 24 hrs.</i>)	78%	↑6	■
Contact Tracing (<i>in 48 hrs.</i>)	36% in 48 hrs.	↑14	●

COVID-19 Activity Level by County and Region and Northwest WI Hospitalization Data



Source: Wisconsin Department of Health Services [COVID-19 Activity Page](#)

Data and Metric Narrative

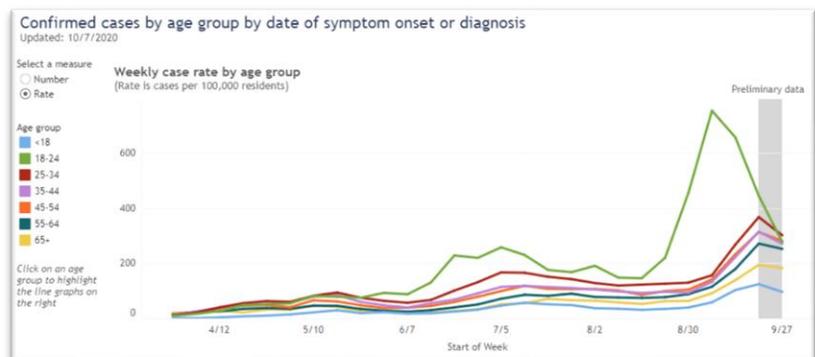
For the second consecutive week, there was some improvement in most of the local metrics. The positivity rate during the most recent 14-day period declined to 9%, which is the lowest rate observed in this metric since early-September. The number of cases confirmed over the most recent 7-days (211) was once again lower than the 7-days prior (297). The difference of 86 fewer cases equates to a 29% decrease in new cases between the two

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periods. This is the second consecutive week of improvement with the most recent 7-days being 43% lower than the previous high in this metric (367), which occurred just 2 weeks ago. However, the 211 cases represents an average of more than 30 cases per day which remains at a very high COVID-19 activity level and is over twice as high as the case rate seen prior to the most recent climb in cases, which began in early September. The continued goal is for this rate to be closer to 10 cases per day.

Although there was a minor dip in the past week, testing has remained very high over the past several weeks. Although remaining at an overall concerning level, other metrics that improved this week include a decrease in the number of new outbreaks, a lower level of activity for COVID-Like illness, and improvements in the timeliness of both case contact and contact tracing. As mentioned previously, the current case rate in Eau Claire County continues to correlate with a rating of “Very High” for activity level, while the trajectory in activity is “Shrinking” for the second consecutive week. Additional information about COVID-19 activity by County and region can be viewed at the newly updated [DHS Activity Level webpage](#), including data illustrations that are also shown on the bottom of page 2 of this report.

Statewide, hospitalizations from COVID-19 continue to climb. In fact, at the time of the completion of this report, the number of hospitalized patients in Wisconsin was at an all-time high and nearly twice as high as the peak number reached last spring. Like hospitalizations, the number of deaths has also been increasing in recent weeks. Unfortunately, for the first time in over a month, there were deaths attributed to COVID-19 in Eau Claire and surrounding counties during the past week. This included the first death in Dunn County and 2 more here in Eau Claire County. At the state level, the average number of deaths per day over the past two weeks have generally matched the previous high despite nearly twice as many hospitalizations over that same time. The continued decline in the death/hospitalization ratio and generally lower percentage of patients requiring intensive care and artificial ventilation, suggest that severity of illness and/or treatments may be in an improved state when compared to previous hospitalization spikes. Another factor in this equation could be the age distribution of cases during this unprecedented rise in the number of cases and hospitalizations. As discussed for the past several weeks and illustrated in the [graphic](#) below, the rate of cases between age groups has not been evenly distributed for many months, and has been even more skewed since late-August. Within the exception of the 18-24 year age group which peaked several weeks ago, all other age groups are near the highest rate of cases observed to date. With the increase in infections among older age groups, the increased number of hospitalizations and deaths are not surprising. In fact, there appears to be some reason for cautious optimism as the death rates have not risen more drastically as case and hospitalization rates have climbed.



Despite improvement in the case contact and contact tracing metrics, public health capacity remains compromised at the current rate of cases. As they have for the past month, public health staff continue to prioritize contacting people who have tested positive and their highest-risk contacts. This means that fewer close contacts (those that are not high risk) have received a call from a health department staff person in recent weeks,

but have rather been notified by the person who tested positive (such as a family member or friend), or in group settings, the school, daycare, or other location where the exposure occurred. This impact to public health response is concerning, as without direct communication with the close contacts who need to quarantine, there may be people in the community that don't know they are at high risk of developing COVID-19. The information that the health department staff provide when they are able to reach all close contacts can mitigate the confusion about what it means to be a close contact and improve the understanding of the necessity of quarantine to slow the spread of disease.

The Health Department continues to implore the community to follow the measures that we know work to slow the spread of disease – keeping social circles small, stay home when sick, wash hands frequently, and wear cloth face coverings whenever in public or around people not from your household. It also remains critical that people who have tested positive or have been notified that they are close contact answer the phone from public health staff to talk through the need to isolate or quarantine. Slowing the spread of disease is critical for keeping businesses, schools, and all other shared priorities open and thriving.

Additional Metrics:

[WI Activity Level by County/Region](#)

[WI Hospital Capabilities](#)

[WI Facility-Level Investigations](#)

[EC County Metrics - Summary](#)

[EC County Metrics - Detailed](#)

[EC County Exposures & Investigations](#)

Eau Claire County COVID-19 Prevention and Control Order

The Eau Claire County COVID-19 Prevention and Control Order remains in effect through Thursday 10/15/2020. No changes were made to the order during the past week. Eau Claire County remains at Step D in the Respond Together Eau Claire COVID-19 Progress Plan.

Additional Information:

[Current Order](#)

[FAQ](#)

[Progress Plan](#)

[UWEC Dashboard](#)

Other Eau Claire County Incident Command Updates

**Remains unchanged since last report*

Emergency Order # 3 Issued Limiting Indoor Public Gatherings

On Tuesday October 6th, Department of Health Services (DHS) Secretary-designee Andrea Palm issued Emergency Order #3 at the direction of Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers. This order, which went into effect at 8:00 am on Thursday October 8th, can be viewed [here](#). With some exemptions, this order limits indoor public gatherings in Wisconsin to no more than 25 percent of a room or building's total occupancy. It is important to understand that like the statewide face covering Emergency Order, this new order is now in effect and must be followed in addition to the Eau Claire County COVID-19 Prevention and Control Order. Furthermore, in any area where there may be inconsistency between the local and state orders, the most restrictive provision applies. Therefore, there are now situations in which restrictions have been increased beyond what was previously required by the local order. Incident Command personnel are working diligently to coordinate with community partners to conduct education

and outreach about those changes. A Frequently Asked Questions document concerning Emergency Order #3 can be viewed [here](#).

Alternate Care Facility to accept patients at State Fair Park

Due to the unprecedented rise in hospitalizations and reduced hospital bed capacity at the state level, Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers has announced that the Alternate Care Facility at Wisconsin State Fair Park in West Allis, WI will begin accepting patients on October 14th. This facility was first announced in April as a resource to supplement health care systems in southeast Wisconsin that had been experiencing a surge in hospitalizations during the initial wave of COVID-19 cases in the region. Despite hope that it would never be required, several hospital systems recently submitted a request for Wisconsin to open this health care asset to alleviate pressure on their facilities. The facility will work with healthcare systems across the state to admit and provide care to patients that require some level of health care, but not hospitalization. This “step-down” approach will allow facilities to transfer patients as required to keep hospital beds free for those patients that require more significant care. Additional details regarding the use of the facility, as well as facility staffing levels, will be available in the coming days. General background information regarding the ACF at Wisconsin State Fair Park is available [here](#).

Testing now available at Regional Testing Site on Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays

Beginning on 10/2/2020, a new regional testing site has been operating in Eau Claire. This site is being operated with support from the Wisconsin National Guard (WING) to supplement existing testing options in the local community and broader region. The testing is free of charge. The site has been established to serve the entire northwestern region and will operate 3 days per week: Mondays and Fridays it will be open from 11 am to 7 pm and on Saturdays from 9 am to 5 pm. The site is expected to operate through December 7th. The first 3 days of operation of the site resulted in 316 samples being collected cumulatively. More details about the testing site are available at the [Symptoms and Testing page](#) of the Eau Claire COVID-19 Information Hub.

COVID-19 Potential Community Exposures and Public Health Investigations

As a reminder, Eau Claire City-County Health Department alerts the public of [potential COVID-19 exposure](#) at local establishments whenever a positive individual is known to have visited a location and have been in prolonged close contact with persons that they are unable to identify. The new public notifications issued in the past week are as follows:

- 1) **Sports Page Bar** from 7:00 pm on Saturday September 26th to 2:00 am on Sunday September 27th;
- 2) **Five O’Clock Club** from 8:30 pm on Saturday September 26th to 2:00 am on Sunday September 27th and from 6:30 to 7:30 pm on Sunday September 27th

Any future public notifications will be posted on the above web page along with a weekly summary of the active and total Public Health Investigations in Eau Claire County related to COVID-19.

Guidance for Halloween Activities

Traditional trick-or-treating activities and Halloween parties present increased risk for COVID-19 transmission. However, there are precautions that can be taken to reduce risk of community spread of COVID-19 during holiday activities. Local Health Department guidance can be found [here](#), with additional recommendations available through [CDC](#), [WI DHS](#), and [Harvard Global Health Institute \(HGHI\)](#). We hope people find ways to enjoy Halloween in safe, healthy, and fun ways.

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***COVID-19 Call Center**

The number for the COVID call center is (715) 831-7425 with hours 8:30am – 4:30pm Monday through Friday. Callers may leave a message and a return phone call will occur within the same business day.

***Reminder to Sign up for Situation Report e-notifications:**

If you would like to receive direct notification whenever new reports are added, please sign up for an automated email notification at: <https://www.eauclairewi.gov/our-city/sign-up-for-e-notifications>. To successfully register for these updates, you must provide your name and email address and subscribe to “COVID-19 Situation Report.”

***Current Incident Objectives**

Objective #1: Contain and mitigate community spread of COVID-19

Objective #2: Coordinate strategies to facilitate a safe and effective social and economic reopening and recovery

Objective #3: Provide relevant, accurate information and resources to the general public, specialty populations, and key partners

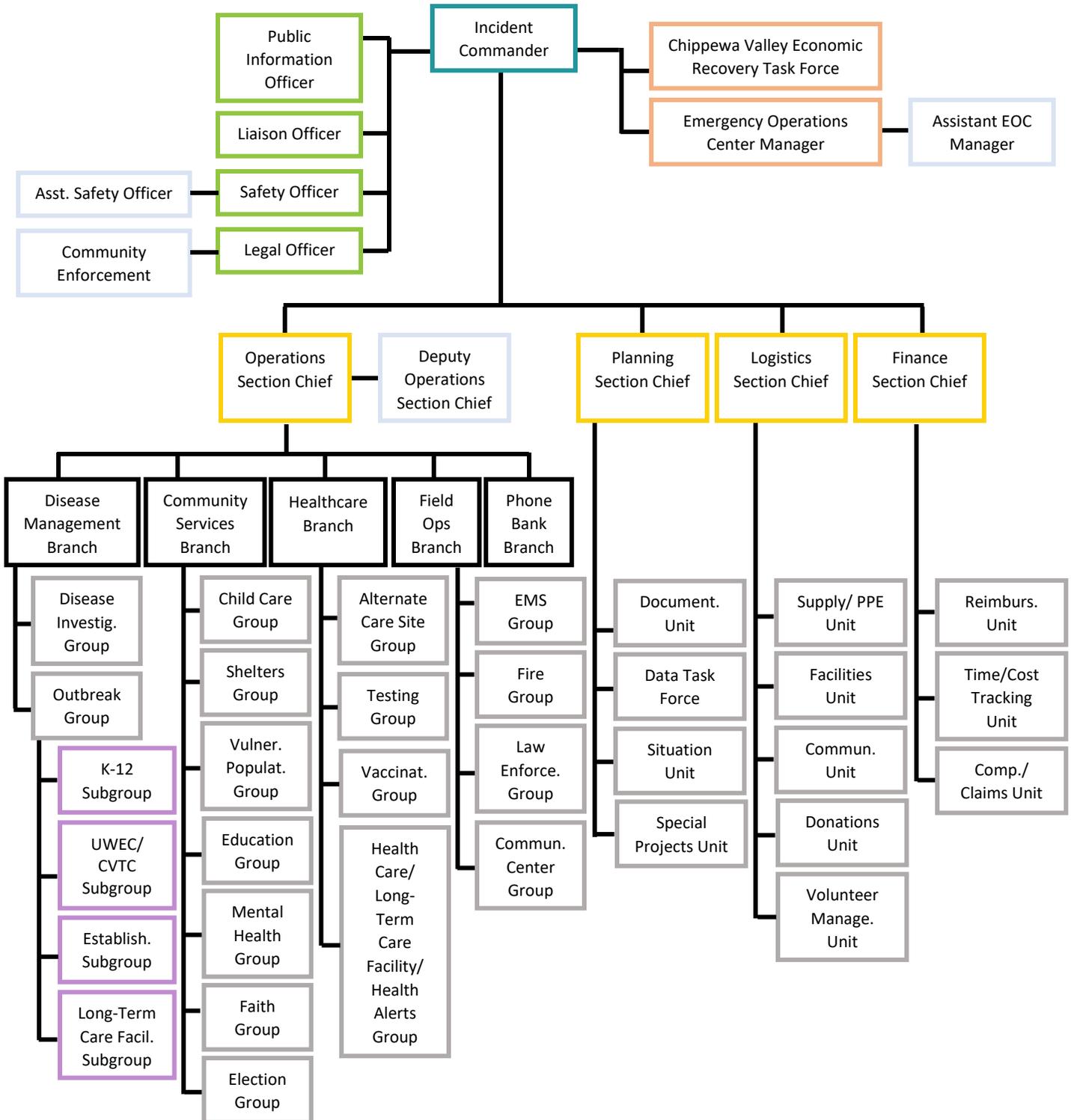
Objective #4: Facilitate and support the Development and implementation of community-wide health care surge and response plans and actions in coordination with local health care providers and state and federal agencies

Objective #5: Sustain and adapt operation of the Emergency Operations Center and incident command elements

***Current Duration of Operational Period**

1 week (7 Days) - Friday 9:00 am – Friday 8:59 am

Current Organizational Structure



Other Pertinent Links and Resources

** Remains unchanged since last report*

- ❖ CDC Updates: [Considerations for institutes of higher education](#)
- ❖ ICYMI: Announced October 2, [Federal Renewal of Determination That A Public Health Emergency Exists](#), effective October 23, 2020
- ❖ [Adult Long-Term Care Member and Participant COVID-19 Resources Webpage](#)
- ❖ ICYMI: Flu Vaccine Communication Resources
 - CDC: [#SleeveUp](#)
 - DHS: [Resources for Community-Based Organizations and Immunization Stakeholders](#)
- ❖ [Contact Tracer Job Announcement](#), closes October 11
- ❖ [FYA: Gov. Evers Announces nearly \\$50 million in COVID-19 Support for Wisconsinites](#)
- ❖ [Governor Evers declares October 4, 2020, COVID Remembrance Day](#)
- ❖ Here and Now: [Health Secretary on COVID Surge](#)
- ❖ [CMP Grants Available to Federally Certified Nursing Homes for In-Person Visitation Aids](#)
- ❖ [BCD: Lessons Learned from early Infection Control and Response Visits \(ICARs\) with LTCF](#): Topic 4
- ❖ New CDC Resources:
 - [Interim Guidance for Case Investigation and Contact Tracing in K-12 Schools](#)
 - [Interim Guidance for Case Investigation and Contact Tracing in Institutions of Higher Education \(IHEs\)](#)
- ❖ Updated CDC Resources:
 - [How COVID-19 Spreads](#)
 - [Data on COVID-19 during Pregnancy](#)
 - [COVID-19 Travel Recommendations by Destination](#)
 - [Testing, Screening, and Outbreak Response for Institutions of Higher Education \(IHEs\)](#)
- ❖ Updated DHS Resources:
 - [Guidelines for the Prevention, Investigation, and Control of COVID-19 Outbreaks in K-12 Schools in Wisconsin](#)
- ❖ CDC Foundation: [Honoring Our Public Health Heroes](#)
- ❖ [Gov. Evers Announces COVID-19 Information and Resources Website Receives International Award](#)
 - [Wisconsin COVID-19 Coronavirus Information](#)
- ❖ [Gov. Evers Delivers Democratic Radio Address](#) Encouraging Wisconsinites to Stay Home and Stay Safe
- ❖ [Gov. Evers, Secretary-designee Palm Issue Order to Expand Healthcare Workforce](#)
- ❖ [COVID-19 Testing Update](#)
- ❖ [Memo: Guidance related to viral whole genome sequencing](#) of SARS-CoV-2 for the public health response

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- ❖ [NASEM Framework for Equitable Allocation of COVID-19 Vaccine Released](#)
- ❖ [Salud America!: Coronavirus and Latino Health Equity](#), a site that generates culturally relevant content with the goal of mitigating the impact of COVID-19
- ❖ New DHS Videos:
 - Tom Farley (Chris Farley's Brother): [Being a "First Responder" for Those You Love](#)
 - Dr. Ryan Westergaard: [Keeping Social Circles Small](#)
 - DPH Interim Administrator Stephanie Smiley: [Masks Are an Important Tool](#)
- ❖ Throw-back Thursday: [All Washed Up](#)
 - Fourteen-year-old scientist Hyrum Grenny cracks the code on how to get kids to wash their hands, and in doing so, exposes insightful strategies for influencing behavior change.
- ❖ [ForwardHealth: Delay in Printing and Mailing Letters Regarding Additional FoodShare Benefits for September](#)
- ❖ [Updated from CDC:](#)
 - [Interim Guidance for Case Investigation and Contact Tracing in Institutions of Higher Education](#)
 - [Testing, Screening, and Outbreak Response for Institutions of Higher Education](#)

Additional Links and Resources:

[EC County COVID-19 Information Hub](#) [Eau Claire Chamber of Commerce COVID-19 Website](#)
[Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation \(WEDC\)](#) [Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\) Guidance](#)
[Wisconsin Department of Health Service \(WI DHS\) COVID-19 website](#) [Health Care Providers webpage](#)
[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) COVID-19 website](#) [CDC Health Alert Network \(HAN\)](#)

Next Scheduled Situation Report Date: Friday October 16th, 2020