

FORWARD DANE

Phased Reopening Plan for
Dane County During the
COVID-19 Pandemic

Janel Heinrich, Director
Public Health Madison & Dane
County
June 2, 2020



Forward Dane Uses a Phased Approach

**PREPARE
FOR SAFE
REOPEN**

(May 18 – May 25)

**PHASE 1
IMPLEMENT**

(May 26 – Present)

**PHASE 2
MAINTAIN**

(TBD)

**PHASE 3
SUSTAIN**

(TBD)

**PHASE 4
NEW
NORMAL**

(TBD)

Forward Dane is Data-Driven

Measures related to:
Epidemiology, Healthcare, Public Health

Informed by: State, federal, and expert recommendations

Explained in detail and updated weekly in Data Snapshot

DANE COUNTY COVID-19 DATA

June 1, 2020 Data from May 16—May 29

Forward Dane

Dane County has been working hard to identify data that will help us determine how and when people can interact in a safe way. We want to provide these data to help everyone understand how decisions are being made to loosen or tighten some restrictions as we continue to respond to COVID-19. To establish these metrics, we conducted a deep review of existing plans, emerging scientific literature on COVID-19 spread, regional data, and national data.

In addition to the publicly facing nine metrics, we'll be monitoring process measures when things aren't going well to help us understand where there may be a gap in the system. These process measures look at transmission dynamics (the "R" value of our epidemic), lab result reporting timeliness, outbreak monitoring within priority populations, capacity for supporting isolation/quarantine, and contact attempts of both cases and contacts. The table below shows the measures we're using for a phased re-opening of Dane County, and where we're at as of June 1st.

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.	1. Below a threshold of 5% for positive tests as a percent of total tests averaged across most recent 14 day period	1%
	2. Below a low incidence threshold of 0.71 new cases per 100,000 people per day (this is below 4 cases per day for Dane County) averaged over a 14 day period	15
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.	3. Testing supplies and staff facilitate adequate testing for disease control and surveillance (goal of over 800 per day in most recent 14 day period)	1098
	4. Percent of hospitals reporting robust testing in place for healthcare workers in the past week	100%
	5. Percent of hospitals reporting ability to treat all cases without crisis care <ul style="list-style-type: none">Facility useStaffingCritical supply	100%
	6. 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.	7. All positive cases be contacted quickly to facilitate rapid isolation and quarantine for disease control	65%
	8. Proportion of new cases over the most recent 14 day period who don't know where they could have gotten COVID	22%
	9. Downward or stable trajectory of COVID-like syndromic cases reported within a 14 days period	✓

We are in Phase 1

**PREPARE
FOR SAFE
REOPEN**

(May 18 – May 25)

**PHASE 1
IMPLEMENT**
(May 26 – Present)

**PHASE 2
MAINTAIN**
(TBD)

**PHASE 3
SUSTAIN**
(TBD)

**PHASE 4
NEW
NORMAL**
(TBD)

We are in Phase 1

WHAT IS OPEN

Reopened all businesses to 25% capacity, with certain public health requirements and physical distancing.

Salons, tattoo parlors, and spas can open by appointment only.

Park courts and fields are open, with physical distancing.



We are in Phase 1

GATHERINGS

Indoor gatherings at facilities of 50 people or fewer, with physical distancing.



Applies to all businesses that hold a scheduled event, such as a meeting, convention, movie, religious gathering, etc.

Indoor gatherings at private residence of 10 people or fewer, with physical distancing.

Outdoor gatherings of 50 or fewer, with physical distancing.

Support & Technical Assistance

Liaisons Support:

Food security	Transportation
Housing	Recreation
Healthcare	Public safety
Long term care	Emergency
Education	mgmt
Childcare	
Business	

Duties

- Listen to concerns and issues
- Answer questions
- Connect with resources
- Develop materials
- Communicate latest orders and requirements
- Be a resource

Support & Technical Assistance

REQUIREMENTS & RESOURCES PAGE

Toolkit for businesses and workplaces with template policies, checklists, factsheets, signage, and best practices.

Links to guidance documents from CDC, state agencies, and our agency

Requirements

Public Health Requirements for All Phases and Employers

Phase 1 (Order 3) [PDF](#) is in effect as of 8:00am on May 26, 2020.

[Forward Dane PDF](#) outlines our planned approach for reopening Dane County. These requirements are for all types of businesses and workplaces and will be in place for every phase of reopening.

Details on these policies can be found on [page 9 of Forward Dane](#).

- Written and implemented hygiene policy and



Visit this page:
bit.ly/fdrequirements toolkit

Looking Ahead

TENTATIVE PLAN

PHASE 2

MAINTAIN

(TBD)

Many businesses open at 50% capacity; some may have additional requirements

Indoor gatherings (public or private): maximum of 50 people with physical distancing

Outdoor gatherings: maximum of 100 people with physical distancing

Schools and playgrounds are open

Looking Ahead

TENTATIVE PLAN

PHASE 3 SUSTAIN (TBD)

Most businesses open at 75% capacity; some may have additional requirements

Indoor gatherings (public or private): maximum of 100 people with physical distancing

Outdoor gatherings: maximum of 250 people with physical distancing

FORWARD DANE

Phased Reopening Plan for
Dane County During the
COVID-19 Pandemic

Janel Heinrich, Director
Public Health Madison & Dane
County
June 2, 2020

