



2020-21 School Year Reopening Update

McFarland School Board
August 31, 2020



Overview

- Current Public Health Status
 - PHMDC Order #9
 - Implications
 - 4K Update
 - Criteria for MSD Step Transitions



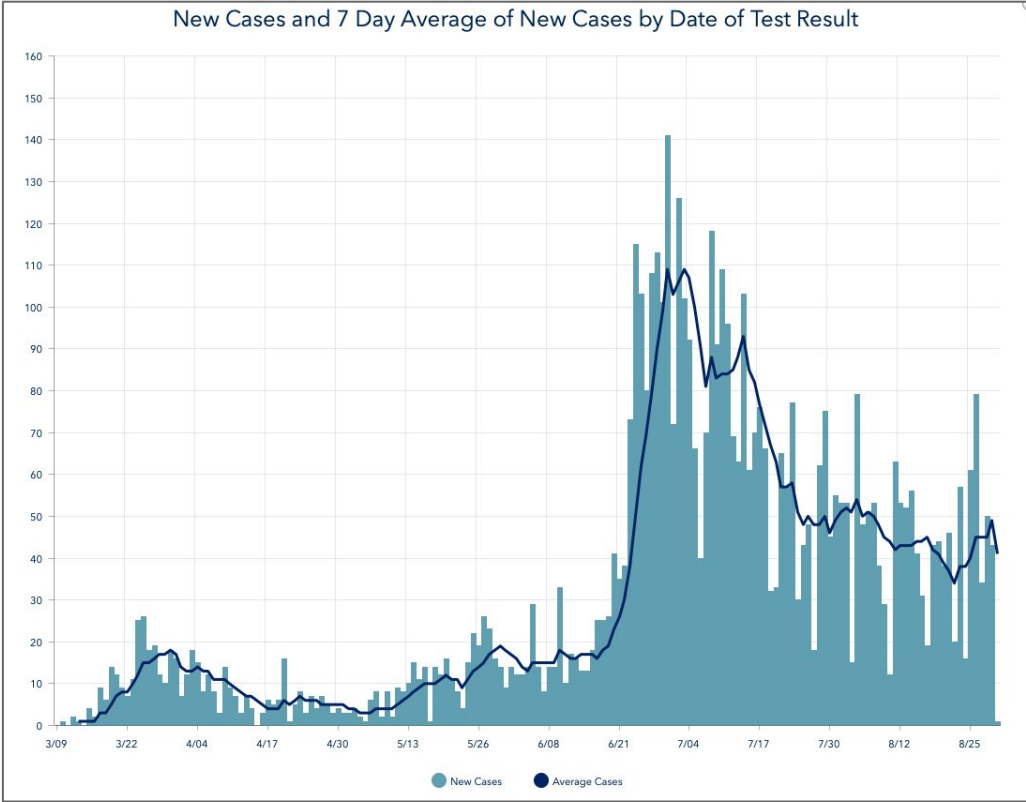


Current Public Health Status








Dane County COVID-19 Data 8/31/20





Forward Dane Metrics 8/27/20

Measure	Dane County Status	Southern Region Status*
Lab Reporting Timeliness & Contact Tracing All positive cases can be reported and contacted quickly to facilitate rapid isolation and quarantine for disease control in most recent 14 day period		Not tracked at regional level
Community Spread Proportion of contacted COVID-19 cases who don't know where they could have gotten COVID-19 in most recent 14 day period		

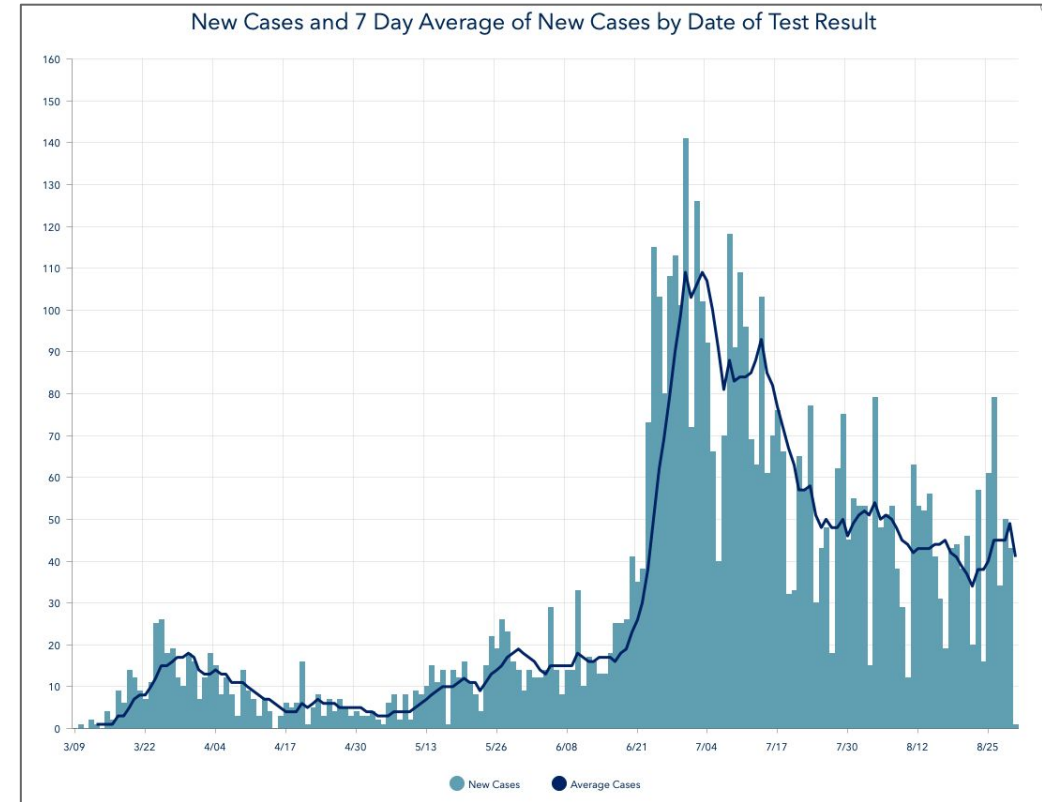
PHMDC updates Forward Dane metrics weekly on Thursdays

<https://publichealthmdc.com/coronavirus/data>



Public Health Implications

- Public Health Madison and Dane County Current Data [Dashboard](#)
- Virus will remain a threat until a vaccine is developed and widely used
- Vaccine not likely in broad use for 12-18 months
- Frequent cleaning/disinfecting required
- Teaching prevention behaviors required
- All students/staff are vulnerable to the virus





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Public Health Madison Dane County

Order #9

Effective August 24, 2020 for all public and private schools:

- 6-ft. distancing to the greatest extent possible is now required in childcare and youth settings for children ages 5 and up (impacts 4K).
 - Grades K-2 may open for in-person instruction under PHMDC School Requirements
 - Grades 3-12 must open virtually for instruction
 - School facilities may be open for food distribution, health care services, as child care and youth settings, for pickup of student materials, and for government functions.
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Implications of Order #9

- **4K start date postponed until 9/8/20** to allow for logistics changes needed for 6-ft. distancing
 - Virtual in-person (VIP) supports postponed for grades 3-12
 - New criteria for Step transitions in our Gradual Reopening Framework
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Pre-Order #9 MSD Criteria for Movement Between Steps 2 & 3

Moving from Step 2 (Virtual) to Step 3 (Limited in-person attendance Hybrid model)

- All [*Forward Dane metrics*](#) reported for the previous week
 - PHMDC Orders allow for limited in-person attendance with 6-ft distancing, face coverings, and other protective measures in place for students and staff
 - [*New Cases and 7 Day Average of New Cases*](#) shows a 14-day declining trend
 - [*Community Spread*](#) and [*Lab Reporting Timeliness & Contact Tracing*](#) are **Yellow**
 - Internal indicators of student and staff health are acceptable
 - Consultation with District Medical Advisor supports change
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Pre-Order #9 MSD Criteria for Movement Between Steps 3 & 4

Moving From Step 3 to Step 4 (Full in-person attendance with student cohorts)

- All [Forward Dane metrics](#) reported for the previous week
 - PHMDC Orders support full in-person attendance with protective measures in place for students and staff
 - [New Cases and 7 Day Average of New Cases](#) shows a 14-day declining trend
 - [Lab Reporting Timeliness & Contact Tracing](#) is **Yellow**
 - [Community Spread](#) is **Green**
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NEW PHMDC Metrics for Reopening and Closing Schools*

	Target 14-day case average sustained for 4 consecutive weeks	<u>Current status</u> 14-day case average = 39 (8/27/2020)
Staff	N/A	K-12 Schools are open for Staff under Order #9
4K	N/A	Must include 6-ft. distancing for 5-year-old children under Order #9
K-2	54 cases per day average	Met on August 18, may open under Order #9
3-5	39 cases per day average	14-day avg. first met on of 8/22/20
6-12	19 cases per day average	Not yet met

***Additional PHMDC Considerations:** This metric will be assessed in combination with Forward Dane metrics, data trajectory, current best practices, federal and state guidance, and other unforeseen influencing factors. **PHMDC will assess and determine if distance learning is necessary for all schools if the most recent 14-day case average is over 54.**



McFarland Reopening Metrics

Administration, in consultation with District Medical Advisor Dr. Thomas Murwin, recommends the following:

Replace the District's Step Change criteria adopted on July 27 (slides 10-11) with Public Health Madison and Dane County [School Reopening & Closing Metrics](#), first published by PHMDC on August 21 and updated on August 28 (slide 12).

Dr. Murwin is in attendance this evening to discuss our recommendation.



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McFarland Step Change Criteria

- Current PHMDC Orders and Metrics allow for District Step transition
- Internal indicators of student and staff health are acceptable for Step transition
- Consultation with District Medical Advisor supports Step transition

NOTE: The District will continue to provide at least 2-weeks advance notice to students, families, and staff of a Step transition that increases in-person instruction.

