



McFarland School District

Fall Planning Update

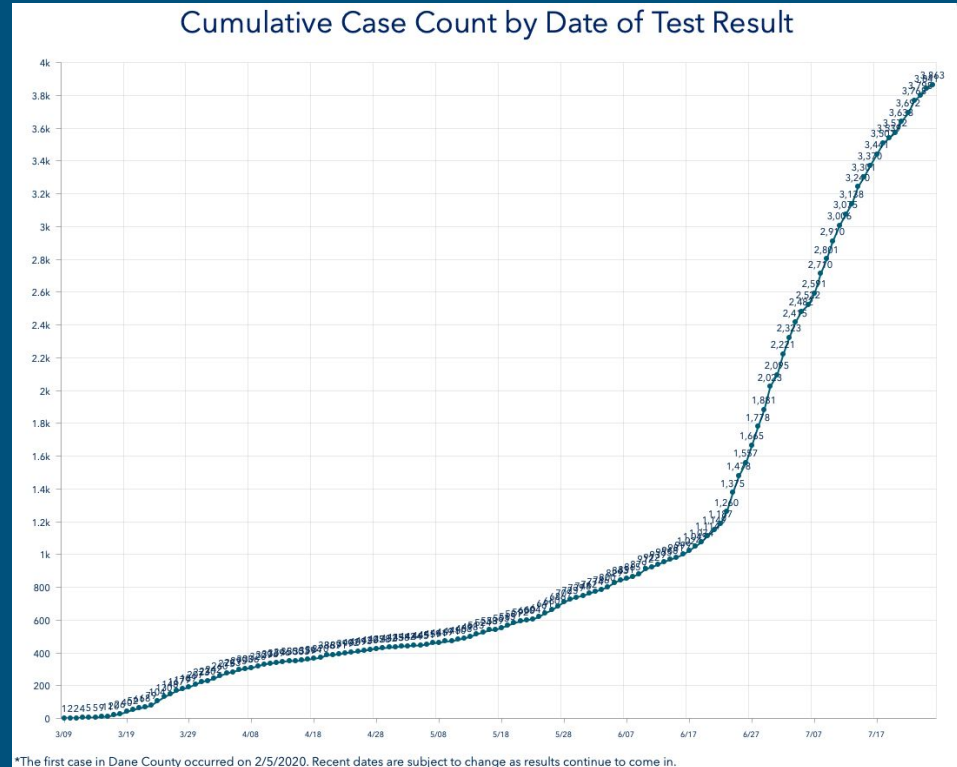
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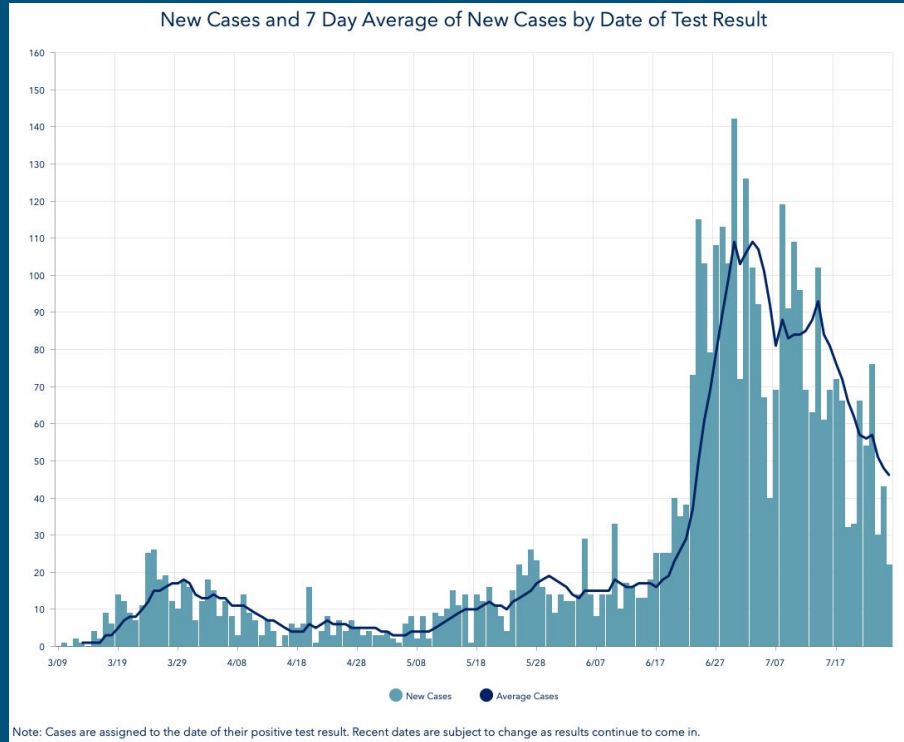
Tonight's topics

- Public Health Trends in Dane County
- Feedback from Community and Staff
- Updated School Guidance from Public Health Madison and Dane County
- Framework for the Gradual Reopening of Schools
- DRAFT Criteria for Moving through Steps
- Decision Timeline




Public Health Trends in Dane County 7/27/20



PHMDC 7-Day Average of New Cases 7/27/20

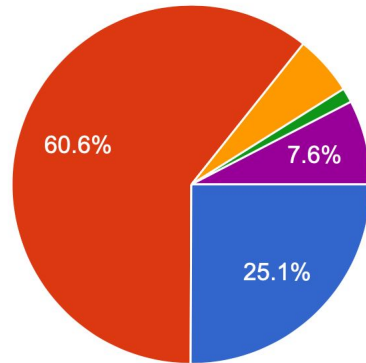


Forward Dane select metrics 7/27/20

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			

Family Feedback as of 7/20/2020

If Public Health Madison and Dane County gives us guidance that we can safely return to school in-person with protective measures in place for students, are you planning on sending your child to school starting on September 1?
762 responses



- Yes, with no concerns.
- Yes, with some concerns.
- No, a member of my household or a close contact is a member of a high risk group. This may limit my ability to allow my child to return to school in-person.
- No, my child has a personal medical condition which may limit her/his ability to return to school in-person. My health care provider has advised that my child should not return to school in-person.
- No, I do not feel safe sending my child to school for other reasons.

Parents' Top 3 Concerns

1. My child(ren) or another individual getting sick from COVID-19 - 53%
(n=768)
2. Having protective measures in place at school to prevent COVID-19 - 26%
(n=750)
3. Maintaining physical distancing at school - 21%
(n=724)

Staff Feedback

- Teachers miss their students and want to return to school safely.
- Staff concerns include:
 - Becoming ill from COVID -19
 - Having protective measures in place
 - Maintaining physical distancing in school

PHMDC School Requirements

7/15/20

- 6-ft spacing must be maintained to the greatest extent possible
- Face coverings are required per PHMDC Order #8.
- Protective measures procedures must in place.
- Schools must be prepared to accommodate students unable to attend In-person
- Schools should be prepared for changes...based on local data, emerging evidence and best practices

Implications of PHMDC School Requirements

- Current PHMDC requirements do not allow for full in-person attendance at this time.
- Under current PHMDC requirements McFarland will need to begin in either a fully virtual or hybrid (limited attendance) model.

Gradual Reopening of School

Step 1: Staff only

Step 2: Fully virtual instruction provided by McFarland educators with targeted in-person supports

Step 3: Hybrid/Blended Learning (limited in-person attendance)

Step 4: Full in-person attendance in a student cohort model

Step 5: Traditional in-person attendance (student cohorts no longer required)

DRAFT Criteria for moving from Step 1 (Staff only) to Step 2 (Virtual Learning)

- PHMDC Orders and Guidance allow for limited in-person attendance
- All staff trained in District health and safety protocols
- All instructional staff trained in virtual learning framework
- All students and staff have access to instructional technology needed for virtual learning

DRAFT Criteria for moving from Step 2 (Virtual) to Step 3 (Hybrid attendance)

- PHMDC Orders and Guidance allow for limited in-person attendance
- Internal benchmarks including safety protocols and staff training
- PHMDC data and *Forward Dane* metrics
 - Dane County in Phase 2 or higher of [Forward Dane](#)
 - All [Forward Dane](#) metrics are reported for at least the previous 2 weeks
 - 2-week declining trend in 7-day average of new cases ([PHMDC data dashboard](#))
 - **Lab Reporting Timeliness & Contact Tracing** is **Yellow** ([Forward Dane metrics](#))
 - **Community Spread metric** is **Yellow** ([Forward Dane metrics](#))

DRAFT Criteria for moving from Step 3 (Hybrid) to Step 4 (Full cohort attendance)

- PHMDC Orders and Guidance allow for full in-person attendance in cohorts
- Internal benchmarks including safety protocols and staff training
- PHMDC data and *Forward Dane* metrics
 - Dane County in Phase 2 or higher of [Forward Dane](#)
 - All [Forward Dane](#) metrics are reported for at least the previous 2 weeks
 - 2-week declining trend in 7-day average of new cases ([PHMDC data dashboard](#))
 - **Lab Reporting Timeliness & Contact Tracing** is **Yellow** ([Forward Dane metrics](#))
 - **Community Spread** metric is **Green** ([Forward Dane metrics](#))

DRAFT Criteria for moving from Step 4 (cohorts) to Step 5 (traditional attendance)

- PHMDC Orders and Guidance allow for full in-person attendance
- Internal benchmarks including safety protocols and staff training

Timeline for Reviewing Step Change Criteria

- Determine step for starting school (Virtual or Hybrid) by August 3
- Remain in current step until Public Health criteria are met
- Review PHMDC data each Tuesday for possible movement to next step
- Move to next step 2 weeks after criteria are met, IF criteria are still met

Decision Timeline

July 27 Special Board meeting - planning update

August 3 Regular Board Meeting - Board votes on model for opening school

August 10 Special Board meeting - planning update

August 17 Regular Board meeting - planning update

August 24 Special Board meeting - planning update

What could be decided as soon as tonight?

- Approve Gradual Reopening Framework (Steps 1 - 5), pending approval of **DRAFT** Step Criteria by PHMDC and District Medical Advisor
- Commit to starting school in Step 2 (Virtual learning with targeted in-person supports) for students
- Commit to reviewing public health data weekly, beginning August 31 for possible movement to Step 3 (limited attendance Hybrid model).
- Commit to providing **at least two weeks notice** to families, students, and staff prior to moving to Step 3.