

DANE COUNTY, WI

Criminal Justice Council and a Commitment to Research

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Dane County is home to the State Capital, City of Madison, beautiful land and lakes, and the University of Wisconsin-Madison.



It is also home to some of our nation's highest disparity rates between white and black residents.



**13 member collaborative body dedicated to increasing public safety,
racial equity and data driven policy and practice.**

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Collaborative Groups create first key reports

- 2009 Task Force on Racial Disparities in the Criminal Justice System
- 2013 Race to Equity Report
- 2015 Racial Equity Analysis of All Dane County Operations
- 2016 Investigating Solutions to Racial Disparities and Mental Health Challenges throughout Criminal Justice
- And more...

Commitment to Research, Equity and Innovation

- Community Restorative Court
- Data Sharing MOU
- CJC analysis with partners (local and national)
- PSA Randomized Control Test with Access to Justice (Harvard)
- ***New Eason partnership—University of Wisconsin***

Dane County-Snapshot

- County Size: 550,000
 - Demographics:
 - White 83 %
 - Black 6%
 - Latinx 6%
 - Asian 5%
 - Total number Law Enforcement Agencies: **23**
 - Madison Police Department and Sheriff's Office largest entities
 - Jail capacity: total **1013**
 - ADP PRE-COVID-19: ~**830**
 - ADP POST COVID-19: ~**460**
- Approximations

DANE COUNTY COVID-19 DATA

- Confirmed Cases: 926
- Total Tests: 51,698
- Cases ever hospitalized 174
- Deaths 30
- Source: Public Health Madison/Dane County Dashboard: 6/12/20

Dane County Criminal Justice Agencies Policy Responses to COVID-19

Law Enforcement

Law enforcement officers have the discretion to release a person with an active warrant for misdemeanors (except those with domestic surcharges), child support payments, and Class H and I felonies that are solely property- or drug-related.

Dane County law enforcement agencies have the legal authority to enforce the Safer at Home order, but Dane County agencies will not randomly stop residents in the community or require documentation of permission to leave home.

Many police departments in Dane County have suspended non-essential services, such as routine fingerprinting, public use of district community rooms, animal traps, MedDrop box, and public outreach.

District Attorney

The Dane County District Attorney is reviewing every case of pretrial detention to see who can be safely released, emphasizing the importance protecting victims and public safety.

Courts

All criminal proceedings for out-of-custody defendants will be made remote or rescheduled. In-custody defendants' case proceed as scheduled.

In-person appearances for civil, small claims, and family court are suspended, and hearings can instead proceed by telephone.

Juvenile justice hearings occur remotely, via phone if the defendant is in the community and via video if the defendant is in custody.

Eviction proceedings are suspended until June 1, 2020, except if they involve significant property or personal safety concerns.

[Wisconsin Court COVID-19 Task Force issued their report on reopening facilities and returning to in-person proceedings.](#)

Sheriff's Office

All jail programming and contact and non-contact visitation are suspended effective immediately. Attorney visits continue.

Inmates in Dane County Jail will each receive two 15-minute phone calls for free each week.

All inmates and essential staff at the Dane County Jail are tested for COVID-19, after several inmates and staff members test positive.

Department of Corrections

All in-person visits are suspended until further notice. Professional visits may continue.

Inmates in DOC facilities will each receive two phone calls, additional stamps, and 5 email messages for free each week.

All medical copays are suspended for any inmates in DOC facilities showing symptoms related to COVID-19.

Each incarcerated person in DOC facilities will receive four disposable face masks.

This is a summary version—for specific details contact the appropriate agency.

The matrix will be updated following the May 28, 2020 Criminal Justice Council Meeting.



Dane County Jail—COVID-19 Timeline

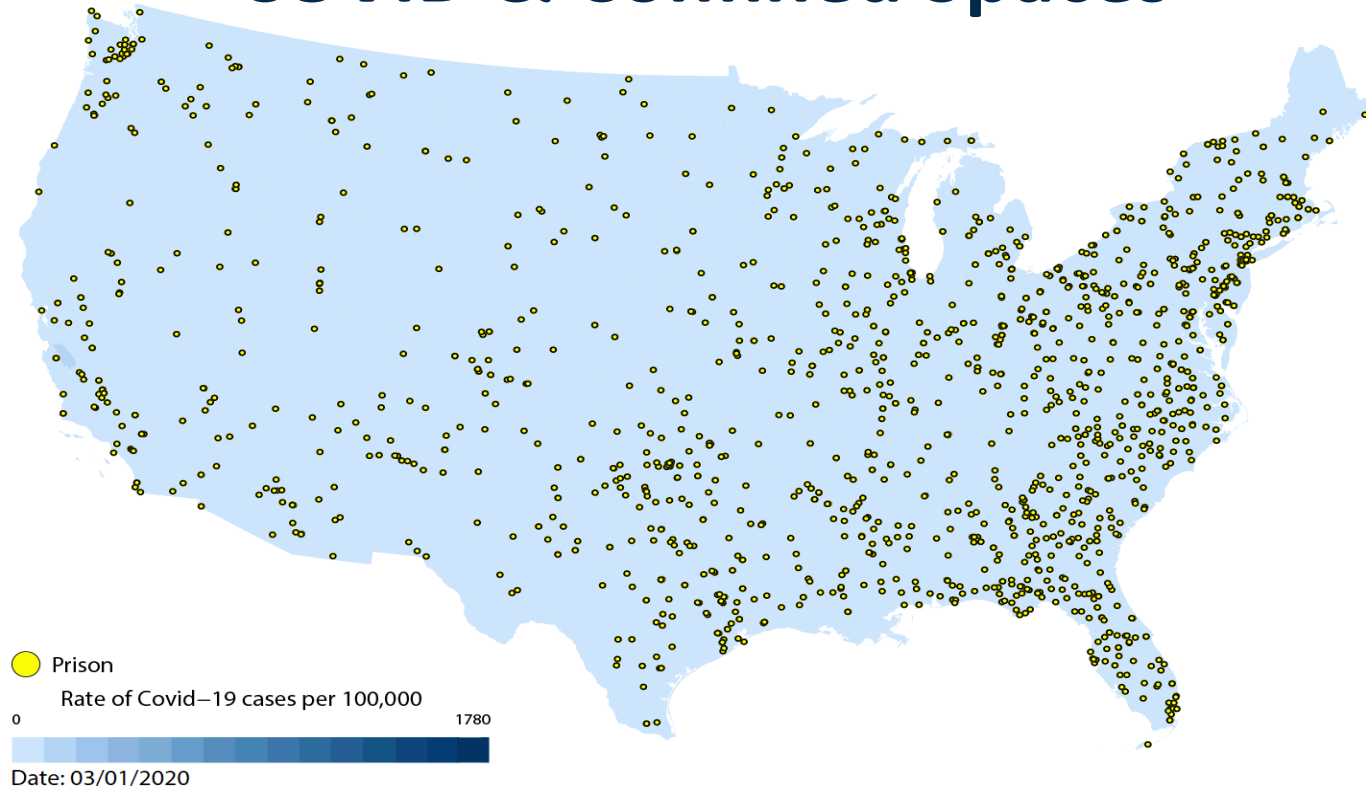


- March 26th - May 15: **37** inmates have tested positive.
- Additional **34** inmates are currently quarantined for monitoring because of exposure.
- **5** Deputies have tested positive.
- National Guard brought in for full facility testing

UW Justice Lab



COVID & Confined Spaces



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- Research Design
- Data sets used
- Early reports
- Longer term lessons

Questions and Answers



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Thank you!



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