

THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF  
MILWAUKEE

# WAY FORWARD TASK FORCE UPDATE DECEMBER 17, 2020

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COVID-19

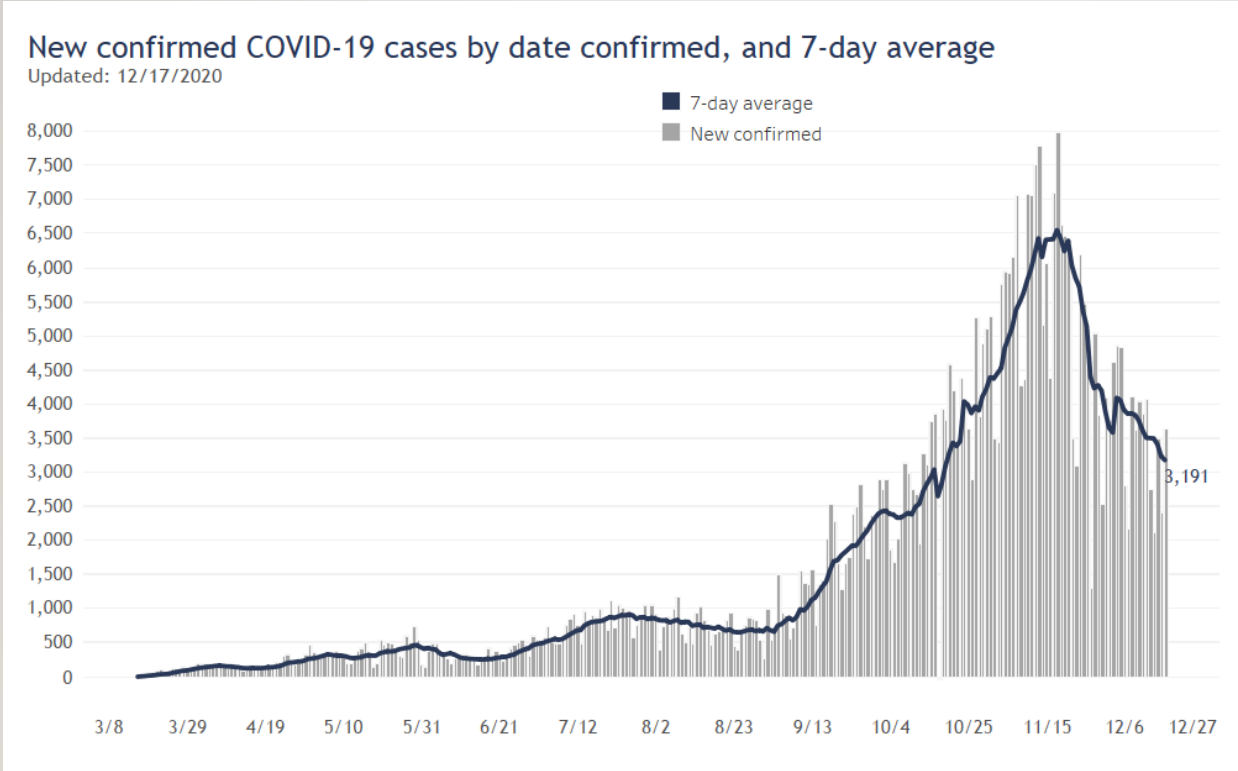
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# AGENDA

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- Status Update
- Review of Guiding Principles
- Guidelines
  - Changes
  - Standard Guidelines

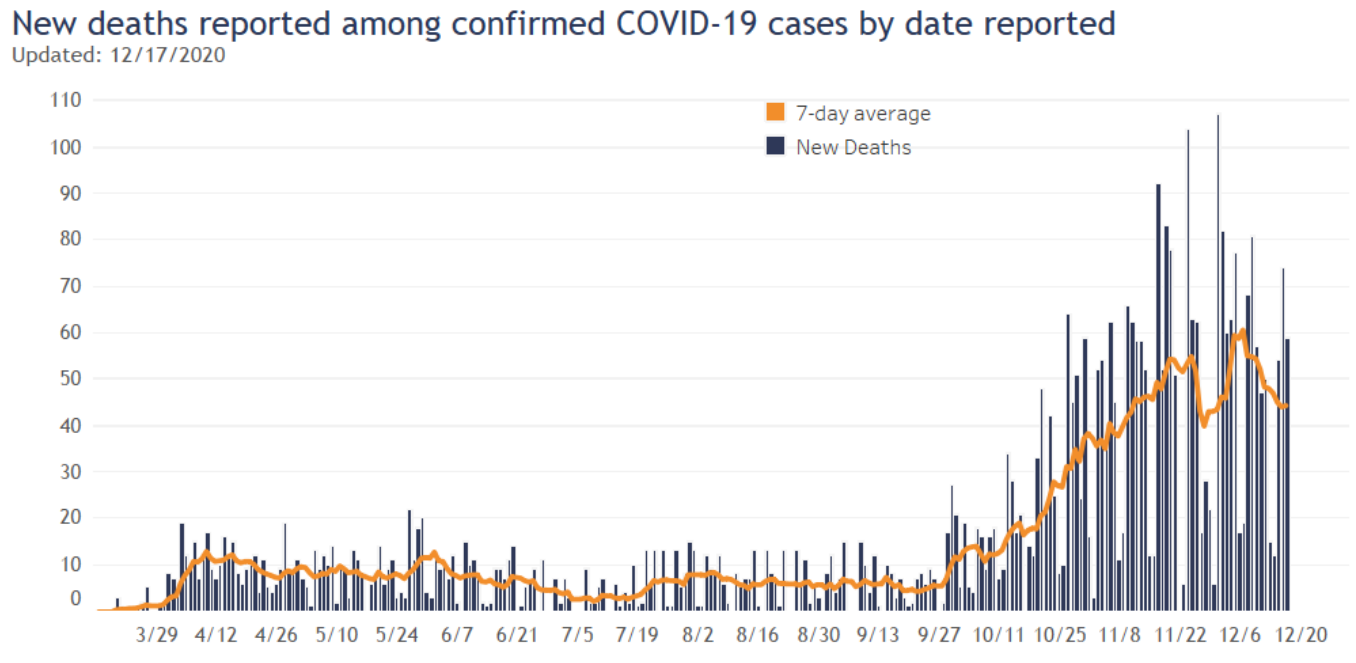
# WHAT WE KNOW – COVID-19 STATUS – CASES (DHS)



Today **3,643**  
Last week **4034**  
Last Month **7,090**

# WHAT WE KNOW – COVID-19 STATUS – DAILY DEATHS

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Today 59  
Last Week 57  
Last Month 92

# WHAT WE KNOW – COVID-19 STATUS – DIOCESE DASHBOARD

Jurisdiction	Parishes	Date	Cases	Deaths	Recovered	Active	Active/100000
Columbia County		1 12/17	3951	24	3581	346	601.40
Crawford County		1 12/17	1489	11	1041	437	2,682.46
Dane County		6 12/17	31105	139	28115	2851	521.50
Dodge County		2 12/17	9822	96	8663	1063	1,204.12
Grant County		1 12/17	3908	75	3621	212	412.14
Green County		1 12/17	2080	7	1950	123	332.79
Iowa County		1 12/17	1540	5	1431	104	439.23
Jefferson County		2 12/17	6137	48	5626	463	545.91
Kenosha County		1 12/17	11301	190	10015	1096	646.38
Milwaukee County		12 12/17	79358	883	71591	6884	727.91
Ozaukee County		2 12/17	5739	45	5042	652	730.77
Racine County		3 12/17	16226	232	13733	2261	1,151.74
Richland County		1 12/17	1001	13	931	57	328.02
Rock County		2 12/17	11170	105	9724	1341	820.92
Sauk County		2 12/17	4128	25	3733	370	574.16
Walworth County		3 12/17	7099	80	6062	957	921.36
Washington County		2 12/17	10685	91	9390	1204	885.07
Waukesha County		9 12/17	31624	301	29220	2103	520.29

Three-week status  
(Cases/100,000 population)  
(week)

	(0)	(-1)	(-2)
Green (0-49)	0	0	0
Yellow (50-99)	0	0	0
Orange (100 -199)	0	0	0
Red (200-399)	2	3	1
Purple (400-500)	2	1	0
Black (500+)	14	15	17



# WHAT WE KNOW – COVID-19 STATUS – GUIDING PRINCIPLES

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- The virus is spread through **small particles in the air (aerosols)**, **large respiratory droplets** and direct contact.
- The formula for assessing the risk of COVID Infection: **Risk of Infection = Exposure to Virus X Time** (exposure = spent with contagious people and /or air containing the virus).
- The shorter the time spent together breathing the same air, the lower the risk of aerosol exposure.
- Our activities are higher risk (public speaking and singing in closed spaces).
- **Masks and physical distance** decrease exposure to large droplets and **masks** to aerosols containing virus.
- Handwashing decreases transmission from hand to hand, the spread from hand to mucous membranes (eyes, nose, and mouth), and the less common spread from contaminated objects to hands.
- It is a common **misconception** that **Risk = Likelihood**, when actually:

**Risk = Likelihood X Consequences**

- **Virus affects the most vulnerable among us disproportionally.**

# WHAT WE ARE DOING – DOING WHAT LOVE REQUIRES

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- Guidelines
  - Most Recent October 22, 2020
  - Standard Guidelines #1 and #2
  - **Requirements:** Attendance, Distancing and Screening; Hygiene and Masks; Temporary License for Communion Under Special Circumstances; Other Parish Meetings and Gatherings
  - **Recommendations:** For Public Worship in the Church Building; Should a Parish Choose the Liturgy for Holy Communion; For Parishioners Sheltering in Place; Building Considerations; Facility Cleaning; Pastoral Visits; Home Communion; Outdoor Gatherings
  - Was designed to take us through the 1<sup>st</sup> Phase of return

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- Frequently Asked Questions
  - Most Recent November 19, 2020 - Instructions on decorating churches for Christmas
  - **Make small, rapid changes to the Guidelines**
- Diocese Website and Resources
- Task Force Members (Bishop Miller; Rev. Jana Troutman; Dr. James Mahoney; Rev. Dave Mowers; Dr. Bill Berger; Rev. Miranda Hasset; Amy Dunlop, PPCNP-BC; Rev. Bill Dunlop;) (Advising: Rev. Canon Kevin Huddleston; Rev. Scott Leannah)
- **Current Work – Phase 2 Planning**
- **Communicating Weekly – Meeting Every Other Week**



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- **Don't Get Lax** – Developing a Level of Comfort.
- Exhibit Desired Behavior –
  - **Masks** – Community responsibility
  - Distance
  - Singing ?
  - Limit Time - inside
  - Screening – prior or at the door.
- **Ventilation**
  - **Open Windows/Doors**
  - **Avoid Un-Ventilated Spaces – Air moving in and out.**

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- Just Because You Can Doesn't Mean You Should
  - Exemptions – **Based on Science?**
  - Evaluate the Risk - **Risk = Likelihood X Consequences**
- Remember – We Are Trying to Keep Individuals and Communities Well
  - Heart, Soul, Body and Mind
  - Protecting the Most Vulnerable Among Us.
  - Look for the Opportunities
    - Formation
    - Messages
    - Individual Contact – phone, mail, on-line
  - Celebrate and Note Successes

# QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

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THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT  
IN THESE CHALLENGING TIMES

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