

THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF
MILWAUKEE

WAY FORWARD TASK FORCE UPDATE JANUARY 20, 2021

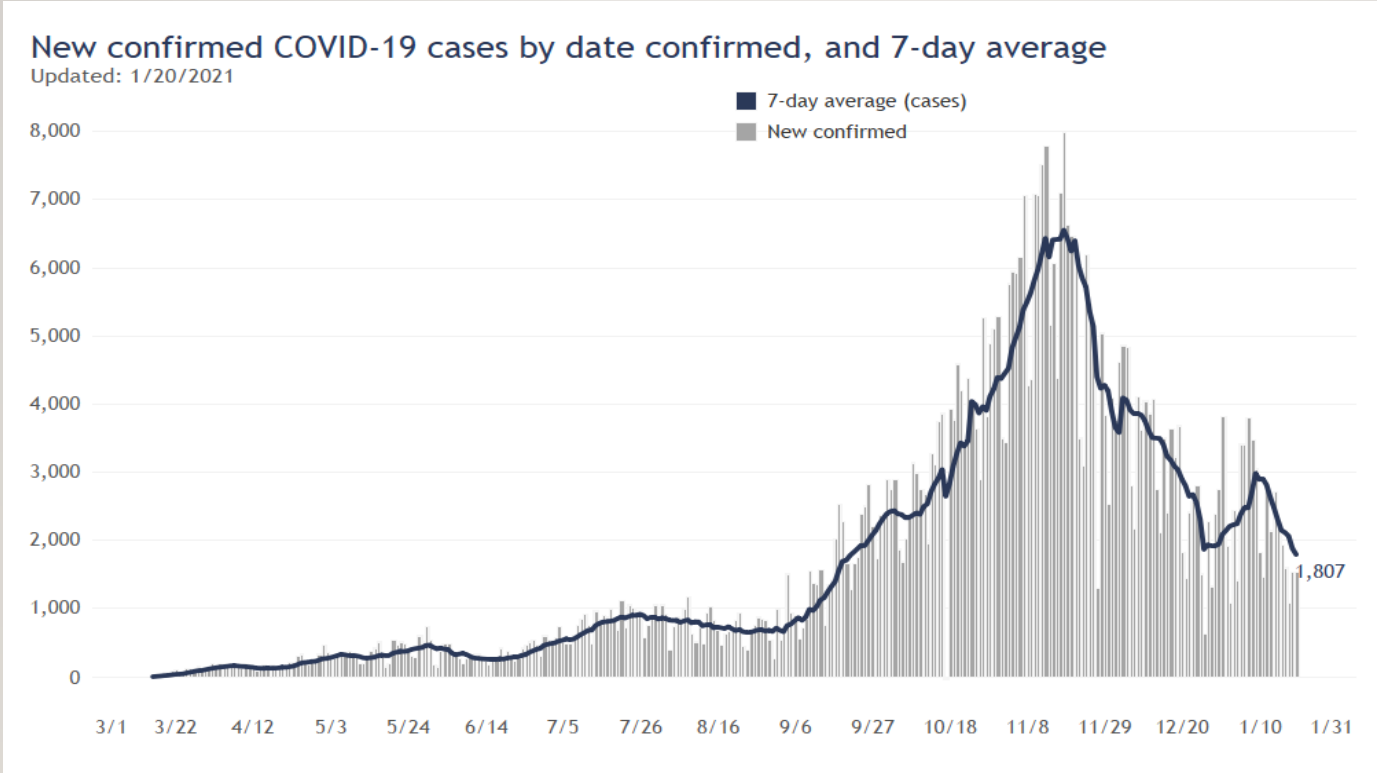
COVID-19

DOING WHAT LOVE REQUIRES

AGENDA

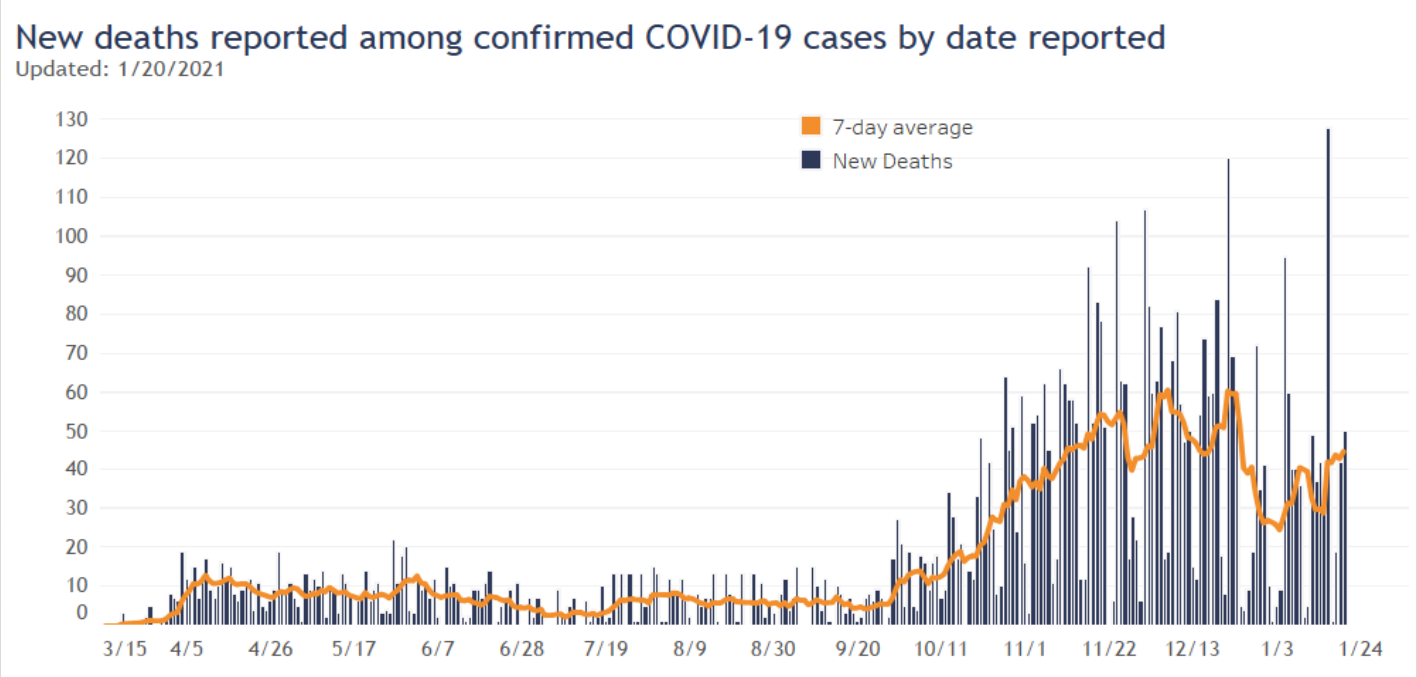
- Status Update
- Vaccine Update
- Ash Wednesday
- Wisconsin Council of Churches

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



Today 1,522
Last week 2,134
Last Month 1,826

WHAT WE KNOW – COVID-19 STATUS – DAILY DEATHS



Today 50
Last Week 37
Last Month 18

WHAT WE KNOW – COVID-19 STATUS – DIOCESE DASHBOARD

Jurisdiction	Parishes	Date	Cases	Deaths	Recovered	Active	Active/100000	
Columbia County		1	1/20	4664	39	4415	210	365.01
Crawford County		1	1/20	1621	14	1585	22	135.04
Dane County		6	1/20	35579	238	34217	1124	205.60
Dodge County		2	1/20	10946	138	10535	273	309.24
Grant County		1	1/20	4364	78	4165	121	235.23
Green County		1	1/20	2569	11	2491	67	181.28
Iowa County		1	1/20	1768	9	1720	39	164.71
Jefferson County		2	1/20	7307	64	6901	342	403.24
Kenosha County		1	1/20	13817	259	12900	658	388.06
Milwaukee County		12	1/20	92199	1156	86805	4238	448.12
Ozaukee County		2	1/20	7093	65	6595	433	485.31
Racine County		3	1/20	19243	281	17447	1515	771.73
Richland County		1	1/20	1185	13	1150	22	126.60
Rock County		2	1/20	13332	134	12449	749	458.51
Sauk County		2	1/20	4896	37	4716	143	221.90
Walworth County		3	1/20	8357	126	7945	286	275.35
Washington County		2	1/20	12910	113	12134	663	487.38
Waukesha County		9	1/20	37980	415	36284	1281	316.92

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)		4	2	1
Red (200-399)		8	5	9
Purple (400-500)		5	6	5
Black (500+)		1	5	3

WHAT WE KNOW – COVID-19 STATUS – VACCINE UPDATE

- FDA Approval versus Emergency Use Authorization (EUA)
- Based on the current information available about the vaccines, the CDC, WDHS, local health departments and our local hospitals have issued the following guidance:
- **Public health recommendations for vaccinated persons**
 - Protection from the vaccine is not immediate; vaccine is a 2-dose series and will take 1 to 2 weeks following the second dose to be considered fully vaccinated
 - No vaccine is 100% effective
- Given the currently limited information on how well the vaccine works in the general population; how much it may reduce disease, severity or transmission; and how long protections lasts, **vaccinated person should continue to follow all current guidance to protect themselves and others, including:**
 - Wearing a mask
 - Staying at least 6 feet away from others
 - Avoiding crowds
 - Washing hands often
 - Following CDC Travel Guidance
 - Following quarantine guidance for an exposure to someone COVID-19
 - Following any applicable workplace or school guidance

WHAT WE KNOW – COVID-19 STATUS – VACCINE UPDATE

Here is a more in-depth summary of what is known to date:

- The vaccines received Emergency Use Authorizations (EUA). The vaccines may only protect individuals receiving the vaccine.
- They appear to be safer than contracting the disease for those:
 - At higher risk for severe disease symptoms and outcome by virtue of medical condition
 - At higher risk for severe disease symptoms and outcome by virtue of socio-economic condition
 - At higher risk for severe disease symptoms and outcome by virtue of employment conditions and exposure.

WHAT WE KNOW – COVID-19 STATUS – VACCINE UPDATE

Here is a more in-depth summary of what is not known to date:

- It is not known whether the vaccines prevent the transmission of the disease.
- It is not known how long the immunity lasts.
- It is not known how vaccination rates will impact regions where the disease is rampant or as the virus continued to mutate.
- The vaccine has not been studied yet in pregnant women or children. Specific recommendations are available through your health care provider.

DOING WHAT LOVE REQUIRES – WISCONSIN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES UPDATE

- Two Step Process
 - Vaccination Rate
 - Cases/100,000 (Daily New Cases/7-day rolling average)

Dashboard **Green**
<50 Active Cases/100,000

When is it safe(r) to gather?

UNSAFE

Vaccination <50%

Viral Transmission

Cases >10/100K

Positive Tests >10%

MAKE IT SAFER

Vaccination 50-70%+

Viral Transmission

Cases 5-10/100K

Positive Tests <10%

SAFEST

Vaccination 70-85%+

Viral Transmission

Cases <1/100K

Positive Tests <5%

WHAT WE ARE DOING – DOING WHAT LOVE REQUIRES

- **Pastoral Directive – Standing Committee**

- Imposition of Ashes – Ash Wednesday
- Communion Under Special Circumstances

- **Standard Guidelines**

- #1 – Walk-In Communion
- #2 – Walk-In Visitation
 - Imposition of Ashes Allowed Under SG #2 – If You Have One – No Action Required
- Email – Use General Language On Date
 - Space to be Used
 - Entry, Exit and One Way Route
 - Statement You Will Follow the Standard Guideline

WHAT WE ARE DOING – DOING WHAT LOVE REQUIRES

- **Frequently Asked Questions**
 - Most Recent January 21 - Tomorrow
 - Instructions on Ash Wednesday
 - Vaccine Update
 - **Make small, rapid changes to the Guidelines**
- Diocese Website and Resources
- **Task Force Members:** Rev. Jana Troutman (SC); Dr. James Mahoney; Rev. Dave Mowers (SC); Dr. Bill Berger; Rev. Miranda Hassett; 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 – eNews**

DOING WHAT LOVE REQUIRES

- **Don't Get Lax – Developing a Level of Comfort.**
- **Exhibit Desired Behavior –**
 - **Read Our eNews Updates**
 - **Talk with Your Parishioners – Pass the Information**
 - **Encourage Vaccines**
- **Ventilation**
 - **Open Windows/Doors**
 - **Avoid Un-Ventilated Spaces – Air moving in and out.**

DOING WHAT LOVE REQUIRES

- **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**
 - **Ease Out of This**
 - **Look for the Opportunities**
 - **Celebrate and Note Successes**

QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION



DOING WHAT LOVE REQUIRES
THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT
IN THESE CHALLENGING TIMES

