

THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF
MILWAUKEE

WAY FORWARD TASK FORCE UPDATE FEBRUARY 17, 2021

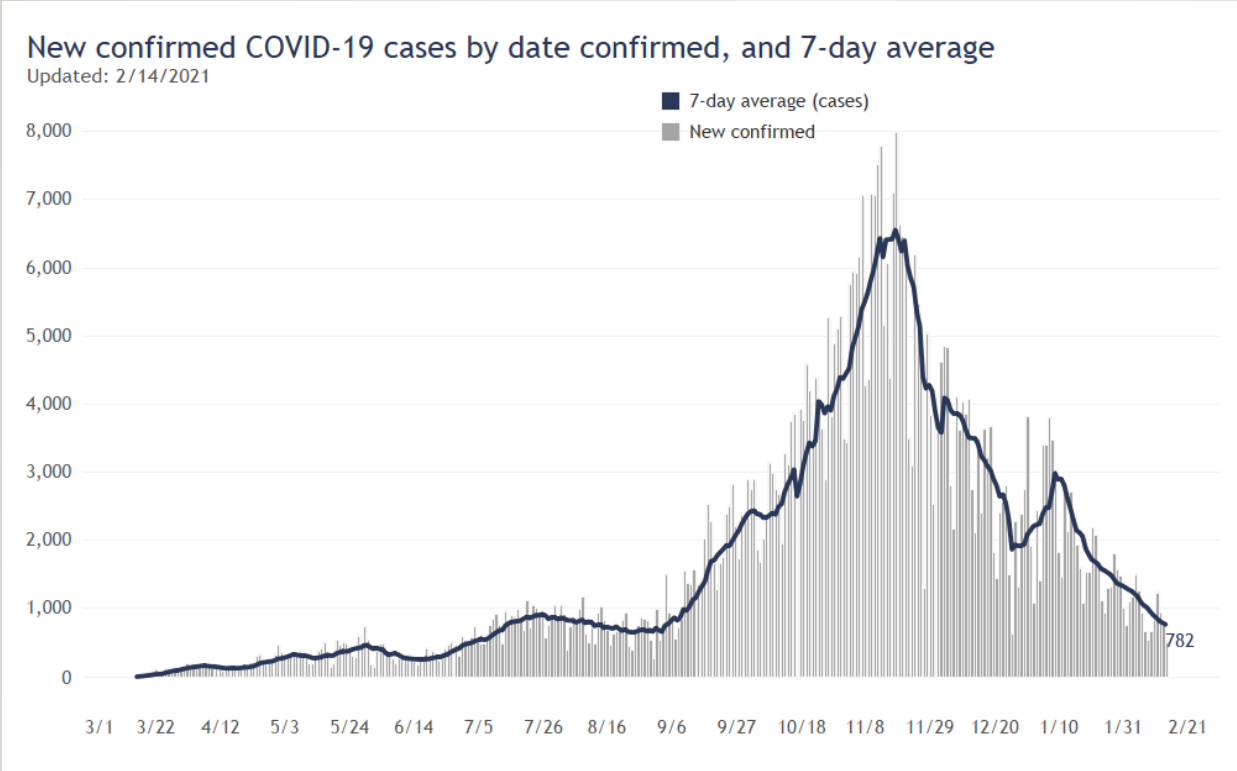
COVID-19

CONTINUING TO DO WHAT LOVE REQUIRES

AGENDA

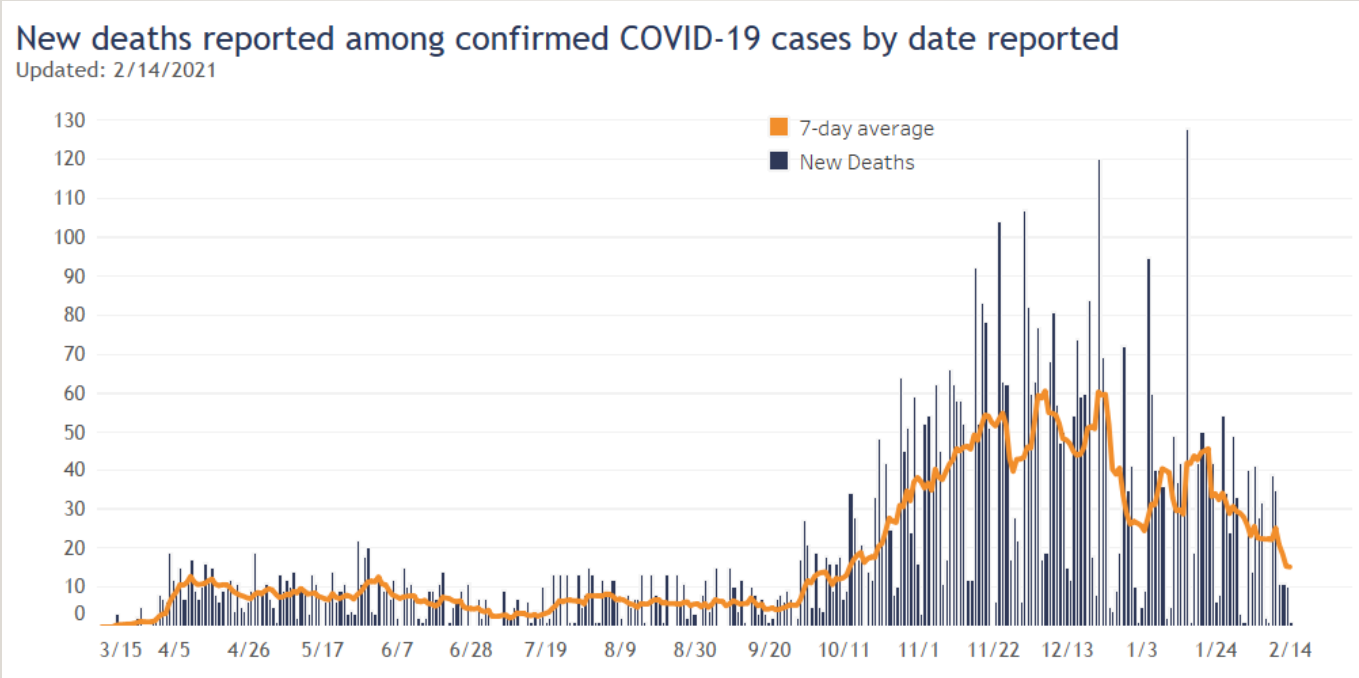
- Status Update
- Vaccine Update
- Revised Guidelines
- Comparison of Other Metrics

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



Today 657
Last week 821
Last Month 1,606

WHAT WE KNOW – COVID-19 STATUS – DAILY DEATHS



Today 10
Last Week 35
Last Month 45

WHAT WE KNOW – COVID-19 STATUS – DIOCESE DASHBOARD

Jurisdiction	Parishes	Date	Cases	Deaths	Recovered	Active	Active/100000
Columbia County	1	2/17	4962	51	4845	66	114.72
Crawford County	1	2/17	1660	17	1628	15	92.08
Dane County	6	2/17	39430	274	38087	1069	195.54
Dodge County	2	2/17	11331	159	11035	137	155.19
Grant County	1	2/17	4605	79	4482	44	85.54
Green County	1	2/17	3011	16	2895	100	270.56
Iowa County	1	2/17	1839	9	1807	23	97.14
Jefferson County	2	2/17	7782	76	7558	148	174.50
Kenosha County	1	2/17	14644	295	14114	235	138.59
Milwaukee County	12	2/17	97179	1265	94234	1680	177.64
Ozaukee County	2	2/17	7548	73	7335	140	156.91
Racine County	3	2/17	20161	315	19257	589	300.03
Richland County	1	2/17	1265	13	1230	22	126.60
Rock County	2	2/17	14227	154	13768	305	186.71
Sauk County	2	2/17	5191	41	5093	57	88.45
Walworth County	3	2/17	8746	136	8530	80	77.02
Washington County	2	2/17	13612	131	13223	258	189.66
Waukesha County	9	2/17	40139	477	39079	583	144.24

Status Review
(Cases/100,000 population)
(week)

	(0)	(-1)	(-4)
Green (0-49)	0	0	0
Yellow (50-99)	5	1	0
Orange (100 -199)	11	3	2
Red (200-399)	2	13	5
Purple (400-500)	0	0	6
Black (500+)	0	1	5

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 (***But is it available equitably?***)
 - At higher risk for severe disease symptoms and outcome by virtue of socio-economic condition (***But is it available equitably?***)
 - At higher risk for severe disease symptoms and outcome by virtue of employment conditions and exposure. (***But is it available equitably?***)

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%

OTHER CHURCHES

Source: WCC (1-19-21) and Phone Verification

- Not Meeting in Person - African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME), Greek and Armenian Orthodox, Most of Us
 - Varies but Not Recommended to Meet - ELCA Greater Milwaukee Synod, ELCA South Central Synod, Metropolitan Community Church (MCC), UCC, Lower Susquehanna Synod ELCA (20 cases/100,000),
 - Varies by Parish/Recommendations or Restrictions - Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Milwaukee, Roman Catholic Diocese of Madison (no dispensation), Roman Catholic Diocese of LaCrosse (dispensation), Presbyterians, Fond du Lac and Eau Claire dioceses (25% of capacity)
 - Meeting - Orthodox Church in America, American Baptists (by church)
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WHAT WE ARE DOING? CONTINUING TO DO WHAT LOVE REQUIRES

- **Revised Guidelines**
 - **Simplified (hopefully)**
 - **Table of Contents**
 - **Outdoor – limited by physical space and local regulations**
 - **Cleaning/Disinfection – eased**
- **Standard Guidelines**
 - #1 – Walk-In Communion
 - #2 – Walk-In Visitation
 - #3 – Family Funerals – Graveside and Columbarium
 - Email – Basic Information only.
 - **Recommend Blanket Request – Prayer, Stations, Reflection**

WHAT WE ARE DOING? CONTINUING TO DO WHAT LOVE REQUIRES

- **Frequently Asked Questions**
 - *None at this time – Part of Simplifying*
 - ***Make small, rapid changes to the Guidelines***
- **Diocese Website and Resources** – *Updated February 11, 2021*
- **Current Work** – *How we come out of this time.*
- **Communicating Weekly** – *Meeting Every Other Week – eNews*
- **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)*

CONTINUING TO DO WHAT LOVE REQUIRES

- **Remember – We Are Trying to Keep Individuals and Communities Well**

- **Heart, Soul, Body and Mind**

- **Provide Crisis Resources**
- **Promote Whole Body Wellness**

- **Ease Out of This**

- **Look for the Opportunities**

- **Rev. Miranda Hassett and**

Rev. David Simmons – Ideas for Holy Week

- **Celebrate and Note Successes**

- **Parochial Report – Have the Vestry Answer the Questions**



National Suicide Prevention
Lifeline: 800-273-8255

The Line is available 24/7. You
can also text 741741 or click
here for immediate
confidential support.

CONTINUING TO DO WHAT LOVE REQUIRES

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



CONTINUING TO DO WHAT LOVE REQUIRES

- **Just Because You Can Doesn't Mean You Should**
 - Exemptions – Based on Science?
 - Evaluate the Risk - **Risk = Likelihood X Consequences**

QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION





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