



# DANE COUNTY

**Joe Parisi**  
County Executive

## DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY IN DANE COUNTY

WHEREAS, the 2019 novel strain of coronavirus, known as COVID-19 is a respiratory virus that is extremely contagious and can be fatal;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has spread throughout numerous countries including the United States and numerous cases have been identified in Wisconsin;

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has declared a national emergency and the Governor of Wisconsin has declared a public health emergency in the State of Wisconsin because of the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the spread of COVID-19 in Dane County presents an imminent threat of a disaster that may impact medical care and other critical systems within the County;

WHEREAS, a multi-agency, multi-jurisdictional response is necessary to undertake efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED, that pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 323.11, in order to protect the public peace, health and safety, preserve lives and property, economic stability, and insure cooperation and coordination, a Declaration of Local State of Emergency is imposed for sixty (60) days, subject to an extension authorized by the county board;

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that the full allocation of county resources be available to ensure the continuation of core county services in the midst of the pandemic;

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that in anticipation of federal relief and reimbursement becoming available, all county departments shall track expenses related to efforts to protect the public and prevent the spread of COVID-19, and other public sector entities are encouraged to do the same.

BE IT FINALLY PROCLAIMED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors shall be notified by the filing of the written declaration with the County Clerk on the first regular business day following the declaration and the County Clerk shall present the written declaration to the board of supervisors for ratification at its first meeting following such a declaration.

Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020

Joseph T. Parisi, Dane County Executive