

## Dane County Department of Human Services

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TO: HHN Committee, other interested parties

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RE: April Update

Below is my update for April, 2021.

We are continuing to plan for July re-opening. Broad concepts include a phased-in approach for staff returning to the offices with no more than 50% capacity and several milestones to allow for an orderly transition over time into the Fall. More details are being formulated with the hopes that all staff understand how this approach will affect them in May or early June at the latest.

DCDHS released its five-year strategic plan on Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>! We are thrilled to have achieved this milestone and look forward to fully briefing the committee in May on the plans contents.



DOA has initiated a process to seek employee feedback on the necessity of an employer based vaccine event. I am not hearing reports that vaccine accessibility is an impediment to our operational needs and that staff who are doing in-person work have had a vaccine opportunity at this point.

New developments with the Johnson & Johnson vaccine mean we have to put a temporary halt on the ADRC and partner initiative to vaccinate our homebound seniors until we get a new vaccine supply.

We are also close to publishing our Annual Report for 2020. We accomplished a great deal during an incredibly trying time.

Thank you as always for your time and support.