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WCMA distributes member bulletins focused on coronavirus information on Thursdays and as breaking news warrants. WCMA delivers electronic newsletters with broader content on Tuesdays. Please contact [WCMA staff](#) with any questions.

Wisconsin Supreme Court Strikes Down Emergency Order, Mask Mandate; FoodShare Benefits to Drop

On Wednesday, the Wisconsin Supreme Court issued a [ruling](#), striking down Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers' latest COVID-19 emergency order and statewide mask mandate. The court found Evers exceeded his authority by issuing multiple emergency orders in response to the same emergency.

Local units of governments, including county public health officials, are not barred from issuing their own mandates, and within the past 24 hours, a number of Wisconsin communities have activated new ordinances to require face masks. Here's a look at related news coverage:

- [WGBA-TV: Northeast Wisconsin cities, counties activate local mask ordinances after Supreme Court ruling](#)
- [Kewaunee County Public Health News Release: Issues face covering advisory](#)
- [WAOW-TV: Merrill Mayor declares face mask requirement](#)
- [WMTV-TV: Supreme Court ruling doesn't end Dane Co., Rock Co., other local mask mandates](#)
- [Stevens Point Journal: Local mask mandates possible in Portage County, Stevens Point as state court throws out Evers order](#)

The [U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) and the [Occupational Safety and Health Administration](#) continue to recommend the use of face masks in workplaces to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

FoodShare Benefits to Drop

As a result of the state Supreme Court ruling, Wisconsin will no longer have an emergency order in place, a mandatory condition to receive additional federal FoodShare funding. Effective April 1, Wisconsin will [lose \\$50 million](#) in these

supplemental pandemic funds for 400,000 Wisconsin households. As an example, a single Wisconsin adult on WisShare will see their benefits drop from \$234 per month to \$16 per month.

PPP Application Deadline Extended to May 31

On Tuesday, President Joe Biden [signed bipartisan legislation](#) to extend the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) application deadline to May 31 and to extend the authorization period to June 30 to give the Small Business Administration more time to process applications.

CDC Study Suggests Fully Vaccinated People Cannot Carry or Transmit COVID-19

U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) officials this week suggested that people who have been vaccinated against COVID-19 with the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines do not appear to be able to carry or transmit the virus to others, based on data from a new [study](#).

The CDC study followed 4,000 essential workers who received one of the two mRNA vaccines between December 14 and March 13. The vaccinated people were tested for COVID-19 every week for 13 weeks to monitor vaccine efficacy. Testing also showed that the risk of COVID-19 infection went down by 90 percent two weeks or more after individuals received their second dose, and by 80 percent two weeks after receiving the first dose.

State-by-State Vaccination Access Information

With nearly all states offering vaccinations to dairy processing workers, and many opening appointments to the general population, WCMA is pleased to provide these links to key dairy states' vaccination scheduling resources:

- [California](#)
 - [Idaho](#)
 - [Illinois](#)
 - [Iowa](#)
 - [Michigan](#)
 - [Minnesota](#)
 - [New Mexico](#)
 - [New York](#)
 - [Ohio](#)
 - [Pennsylvania](#)
 - [South Dakota](#)
 - [Tennessee](#)
 - [Texas](#)
 - [Vermont](#)
 - [Wisconsin](#)
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Wisconsin

- *WDJT-TV*: [Wisconsin Center to transition to federal community vaccination clinic; enough for 3K doses per day](#)
- *Sheboygan Press*: [30 percent of Wisconsin residents have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine](#)
- *WLUK-TV*: [New COVID-19 cases, seven-day average above 500 again in Wisconsin](#)

National/International

- *CBS News*: [Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine found safe and 100 percent effective in 12- to 15-year-olds, company says](#)
- *The Hill*: [U.S. death rate jumps by nearly 16 percent](#)

Visit [WisCheeseMakers.org](https://www.wischeesemakers.org) for More Resources

WCMA's coronavirus resources page on [WisCheeseMakers.org](https://www.wischeesemakers.org) is updated daily, featuring information on employee safety, regulatory flexibility, operations guidance, federal and state support, and salutes to your critical, essential staff.

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Members with pandemic-related questions or concerns should feel encouraged to contact WCMA staff at any time. Here are ways to get in touch.

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