

## Changes to the Democratic National Convention

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***State Democrats hope the new fully virtual convention will still energize voters.***

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WISCONSIN -- Wednesday, Democratic Party of Wisconsin Chair Ben Wikler released the following statement in response to changes to the Democratic National Convention:

"Protecting the public's health is a core value for Democrats. The fact that keeping Wisconsin safe requires making the convention fully virtual illustrates the total failure of Donald Trump to control the coronavirus pandemic, reflects Joe Biden's commitment to making life better for Wisconsinites and all Americans, and underscores the life-and-death necessity of making Joe Biden the next President of the United States.

"The disastrous response to the COVID-19 pandemic by Donald Trump, as well as Wisconsin Republicans Robin Vos, Scott Fitzgerald, and others in the state legislature, has left Wisconsin reeling from an increase in infections and hospitalizations. In order to best protect our state, Democrats are following the advice of public health experts and telling speakers not to travel to the convention.

"Unlike Republicans, protecting the public's health is the utmost priority for Democrats. The decision only further reflects that we need Joe Biden's commitment to ensuring the safety of all Americans in the White House.

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"Throughout this crisis, Democrats have shown smart and rational leadership. From Vice President Biden to Governor Evers and down to local officials, Democrats are living their values, and demonstrating their willingness to make the tough decisions necessary to put the public good first. Today, as Republicans threaten to attack Governor Evers's mask mandate and Donald Trump and his colleagues refuse to help Americans navigate this crisis, Democrats will hold a convention that will energize voters around the clear choice in this year's election."