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Biden campaign: Wisconsin week in review

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This week, Jill Biden traveled to Madison and Waukesha County, where she energized voters and emphasized the importance of Wisconsinites casting their ballots in the November election by mail, at a drop box location, early in-person, or in-person on election day. Additionally, the Democratic Party of Wisconsin hosted watch parties and events across Wisconsin for the first presidential debate.

In Waukesha, Biden highlighted Joe Biden's Build Back Better plan to help Wisconsin's economy recover from the pandemic and his proposals to lower health care costs and protect coverage for people with pre-existing conditions.

WPR: Jill Biden Paints Picture Of United Country Under Biden Administration

Former Second Lady Jill Biden painted a picture of a new America on Nov. 4, with her husband elected president and a country at ease.

Biden made two campaign stops Monday in Wisconsin to participate in a Get Out The Vote initiative.

"You start to worry about your day and then it hits you — Joe Biden won the election and pretty soon, there will be a nationwide strategy [to] end the pandemic," the former Second Lady told a small group of supporters at a farm in Waukesha County Monday afternoon. "You check the news and there is no pit in your stomach. Your shoulders don't tense. For the first time in so long, you take a deep breath and feel hope."

Evoking former President Barack Obama's campaign slogan of "Hope," Biden told

the group that electing her husband would restore hope again.

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In Madison, Biden emphasized how important it is to make your voice heard and what's at stake in the November election. At the event, Biden discussed the numerous ways Wisconsinites can cast their ballot this year.

WMTV: Dr. Jill Biden asks Wisconsin voters to get involved and head to the polls

Watch on WMTV
"We have just 36 days left, 36 days to make sure that our voices are heard, to make calls and talk to your neighbors, to fight for this country like we never fought before," said **Jill Biden**.

The Waukesha Freeman: Jill Biden talks health care, election in Town of Eagle

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Biden herself spoke about the Affordable Care Act and a healthcare ordeal in her own family, when her sister was undergoing cancer treatments. Her sister didn't have the money for the treatments, but because of the Affordable Care Act, she "was able to find a plan that she could afford," she said. "It's easy to take for granted just how much changed when we passed the ACA. Twenty million people got covered – it's amazing to think that — including 200,000 Wisconsinites … it's not an exaggeration to say that this law saved my sister's life."

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Up North News: Her Husband Works Toward Nov. 3, but Jill Biden Tells WI Crowds to Dream of Nov. 4

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Biden said her husband "has the empathy and the character" to bring the country back and "heal our fractured communities."

“He has the fortitude to build back better,” Biden told the crowd. “With his steady leadership, we can change the course of this nation.”

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Former GOP-nominated Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice Janine Geske introduced Biden at the event in Waukesha County. She recently endorsed Joe Biden, citing his integrity and ability to unite the country. Justice Geske was previously nominated to the bench by two Republican governors, including Tommy Thompson.

In Waukesha County, Biden and other speakers also highlighted what’s at stake in this election — including protections for people with pre-existing conditions:

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel: Jill Biden rallies voters in 2 Wisconsin campaign stops, talks need to tackle COVID and protect health care

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“Over the years I’ve been continually inspired by his resilience and his optimism,” Jill Biden said. “Even in the face of so much destruction, he had this unshakeable faith in the future. And I think we need that resilience and hope now more than ever.”

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Also speaking in Eagle was former state Supreme Court Justice Janine Geske, who recently endorsed Joe Biden after refraining from publicly backing partisan candidates for about 40 years.

“I could not remain silent,” Geske said Monday.

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TMJ-4 Milwaukee: Dr. Jill Biden campaigns in Waukesha County and Madison

Watch on TMJ-4 Milwaukee

Ahead of the first presidential debate, Senator Elizabeth Warren hosted a "What's at Stake" virtual organizing event with Attorney General Josh Kaul. The leaders highlighted what's at stake for health care in this election and outlined Joe Biden's plan to provide high-quality, affordable health care for Americans and protect coverage for people with pre-existing conditions.

Watch on WKBT

"Even before this crisis, our health care system was broken," said **Senator Elizabeth Warren**. "Families were getting crushed by health care costs. People of color, especially African Americans, experience deep disparities in health care."

The Democratic Party of Wisconsin hosted debate watch parties and events across the state to rally support for Joe Biden's unifying vision for America. At the events, participants watched Joe Biden speak directly to the American people about the challenges facing our communities.

Watch on WBAY (ABC) Green Bay

"This is an opportunity to rally the troops, to get people joined in this fight and really get involved, because we need to organize to win Wisconsin and that's where we are going right now," said **Terry Lee of Green Bay**.

Watch on WFRV (CBS) Green Bay

"This is not a time to sit on the sideline or sit on the fence, it's a time to get out and vote, and be active in the process," said **Denise Gaumer-Hutchison of Green Bay**.

***Biden for President Wisconsin* hosted a virtual "Beers, Brats, and Ballots" Get Out The Vote Rally with singer/songwriter, actor, and philanthropist Shannon Allen, NBA Hall of Fame player and former Milwaukee Buck Ray Allen, Lieutenant Governor Mandela Barnes, State Treasurer Sarah Godlewski, and additional Wisconsin leaders**. At the event, participants celebrated Oktoberfest — a Wisconsin tradition — virtually to discuss what's at stake in this year's election. Wisconsin leaders highlighted all the ways voters can vote in this election, including dropping off their ballots at official drop box locations

or voting by mail.

“We all have a voice, we all have a vote…It matters that you vote. That you stand up and be counted. I proudly wear a tag after each election saying I voted. I exercised my right to this democracy. This democracy in order for it to work, we have to use our voices,” said **Ray Allen.**

The *Biden for President* Congressional Black Caucus T*urn up to Turn Out the Vote* Virtual Bus Tour stopped in Wisconsin with Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) Chair Karen Bass, Congresswoman Gwen Moore and other Wisconsin leaders. At the event, participants discussed Joe Biden’s “Build Back Better” plan for racial equity and emphasized the importance of Black Wisconsin voters in this election.

“We have 9 million people who have been infected by COVID. That’s 9 million people who now have a pre-existing condition. What a lot of people don’t realize is whether you have Obamacare or not. I don’t care what kind of insurance you have. If you have high blood pressure, diabetes, if you’re over a certain age, if you’re overweight. All of those are considered pre-existing conditions…if pre-existing conditions are taken away, it impacts you. It impacts everyone,” said **CBC Chair Karen Bass.**

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel: Biden campaign ramps up messaging on health care with Supreme Court vote looming

MADISON – The issue of whether pre-existing health conditions will continue to be covered has returned as a central issue to the presidential campaign here in Wisconsin — a message Democrats successfully used to sweep statewide races in Wisconsin just two years ago.

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“The stakes around affordable health care could not be higher in this election. If President Trump gets his way in court, insurers could discriminate against or drop coverage for the 2.4 million Wisconsinites with pre-existing conditions — including more than 300,000 children — all in the midst of a global health pandemic,” Danielle Melfi, Biden campaign state director, said in a statement.

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The Biden campaign is holding six events or press calls on the issue, according to the campaign. On Tuesday, former Democratic presidential frontrunner Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts held a “What’s at Stake” for health care virtual organizing event for Wisconsin voters.

Milwaukee leaders, including Mayor Tom Barrett, State Senator Latonya Johnson, President of Planned Parenthood Advocates of Wisconsin Tanya Atkinson, and retired Milwaukee Public School teacher Julie Buckholt discussed Joe Biden’s commitment to protect care for people with pre-existing conditions, lower the cost of health care, and expand coverage to all Americans.

“Without a doubt health care is on the ballot on November 3,” said **Mayor Barrett**. “The Affordable Care Act is on the ballot on November 3. The issue of pre-existing conditions, which affects millions of Americans, is on the ballot on November 3.”

“As someone who spent years without health insurance, I know just how important Obamacare is to the millions of Americans who otherwise wouldn’t be able to afford insurance and for those with pre-existing conditions,” said **State Senator Johnson**.

***Biden for President Wisconsin*, Andrew Yang, Congressman Ted Lieu and television personality Tan France kicked off the *AAPIs Assemble!* Virtual Bus Tour in Wisconsin with ASPIRE PAC**. At the event, local Wisconsin leaders discussed how they are mobilizing Wisconsin’s Asian American and Pacific Islander community and urging voters to make a plan to vote, as Wisconsin voters are receiving their mail ballots.

“The stakes could not be higher. We all know what is on the line this November…Asian Americans around the country are waking up to our political power…We will not sit idly by, we will get out and vote and show that we want Joe and Kamala to be our next president and vice president…You cannot overstate Wisconsin’s importance in this race,” said **Andrew Yang**.

Senator Tammy Baldwin hosted a press call with *Wisconsin Women for Biden* to discuss how Joe Biden will move our country forward and build our economy back better for working families across the state.

“We have a candidate in Joe Biden with the experience to help us recover and the

empathy to help us heal…I know that everyone realizes how critical an issue health care is to all Wisconsinites and to all Americans, especially during a pandemic. There are so many things on the line and health care is foremost among them," said **Tammy Baldwin**.

Senator Tammy Duckworth and Wisconsin veterans hosted a virtual event to launch Wisconsin's *Veterans and Military Families for Biden* coalition. At the event, participants praised Joe Biden's commitment to our service members, veterans, and military families and his promise to ensure they receive the full support and benefits they have earned and deserve.

"Having worked with the Bidens for many years now, they truly care about our troops…The Bidens are a military family and they will uphold the obligations of leadership but also the loyalty to our men and women who go into harm's way and their families, as well, said **Tammy Duckworth**.