

UW-Madison response to uncertainty created by Supreme Court decision

The following statement was issued by University of Wisconsin–Madison interim Chancellor John Karl Scholz on June 24, 2022.

This morning, the Supreme Court of the United States issued a decision on *Dobbs v Jackson Women’s Health* that overturns the precedent set by *Roe v Wade* almost 50 years ago. We recognize the decision evokes a wide range of feelings in our community as it alters long-standing federal protections and allows states to regulate abortion without federal constitutional standards.

While UW–Madison will continue to meet all applicable legal requirements, we are facing a period of uncertainty as the new legal status for abortion access in Wisconsin is interpreted and challenged. We know this uncertainty may affect some members of our community more than others.

We are concerned about the decision’s implications for patient care and clinical training of obstetrics and gynecology residents. We will continue to work to understand the full impact of the Supreme Court’s decision and assess its implications for the campus community.

We encourage you to seek support and community in ways that feel right to you. Campus resources are also available to anyone seeking assistance in processing change and uncertainty:

- Students may contact University Health Services by calling 608-265-5600 (option 9) or schedule an appointment through [MyUHS](#).
- Employees may access services through the [Employee Assistance Office](#).