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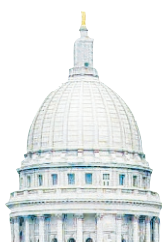
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IKEA coming to Madison

Smaller-format store will still have those Swedish meatballs

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Wisconsin State Journal

After years of hoping and waiting, Madison is finally getting an IKEA.

Only this store, located next door to the Target store on Junction Road, will be significantly smaller than most IKEA locations

and is designed to provide more convenience for shoppers.

The Swedish retailer announced Thursday that it plans to open a 54,000-square-foot store in the Prairie Towne Center store on the city's Far West Side.

The store will include a deli but offer fewer furniture items than most of its warehouse stores. Larger things such as sofas and beds and the full IKEA product selection will be able to be ordered at the store or online, with options for delivery or free pickup at

multiple Madison-area locations.

The Madison store will be the retailer's second store in Wisconsin. In 2018, the company opened a 290,000-square-foot store in the Milwaukee suburb of Oak Creek. Prior to its opening, many Madison-area shoppers would head to Illinois to shop at the 400,000-square-foot, three-level IKEA in Schaumburg.

In December, IKEA opened a pickup location at University Bookstore on State Street that included some small displays, but the IKEA

planned to open this fall on Junction Road may eliminate the drives to those other locations and is part of a larger strategy by the retailer to reach more customers closer to where they typically shop.

"At IKEA, we believe that a better everyday life starts at home — and that means making shopping IKEA easy and convenient," Rob Olson, interim CEO at IKEA U.S., said in a statement.

"Opening a new location in Madison is part of our continued commitment to reaching

customers where they are, making well-designed, affordable home furnishing solutions more accessible and convenient than ever before."

For years, many speculated that the area in or around Prairie Lakes, home to Costco, Target, Woodman's Market, a Marcus cinema and a nearby Menards would be a logical site for an IKEA, considering its proximity to Interstate 39-90-94.

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ALLERGY SEASON | TRENDING IN UNCOMFORTABLE DIRECTION



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Tree pollen levels are high across Wisconsin this week, affecting many with seasonal allergies. Warm, windy weather has made this year's season hard to predict.

Tree pollen levels higher

Nearly 1 in 3 adults affected by seasons

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Wisconsin and Dane County are in bloom — and so is allergy season, which experts say is trending longer and becoming more severe for sufferers.

Tree pollen levels are high across Wisconsin this week, affecting many with seasonal allergies. While this spring's pollen allergies may have arrived at a normal time, toward the end

of March, trends in recent years point to earlier seasons that last longer, UW Health allergist Dr. Mark Moss said.

Nearly a third of adults in the United States and more than a quarter of children reported having a seasonal allergy, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. There are three main allergy seasons in Wisconsin: spring, when trees begin to bud and flower; late spring and early summer, when grasses release pollen; and late summer and early fall, when ragweed peaks, Moss said.

"The stretches of warm, windy weather are perfect for moving pollen and blowing pollen in the wind, leading to people being exposed in large quantities when they're outdoors."

Dr. Mark Moss, UW Health allergist

Difficult to predict

While this spring's allergy season arrived at the end of March, weather events have caused varying levels of pollen in the air, Moss said.

Tree pollen levels in Wisconsin over the next three days are high, and grass and ragweed pollen are low or zero, according to the National Allergy Bureau.

Here's what to know about this spring's allergy season.

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UW SYSTEM CYBERATTACK

Outage affects final exams

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A cyberattack appears to be behind a nationwide outage of an instructional software that the Universities of Wisconsin uses for final exams and assignments.

The software, called Canvas, went down at around 3 p.m. on Thursday across the UW system as part of the global outage, UW-Madison officials said, linked to the criminal extortion group ShinyHunters. The breach comes during final exam week at many universities, including UW-Madison's, which concludes Friday.

Students use Canvas to submit their assignments for classes and take online exams, and it's where professors upload test scores.

The worldwide outage affects the 41% of higher education institutions across the country that use the software, according to Inside Higher Ed. ShinyHunters claims its hack affected nearly 9,000 schools.

The UW system is aware of the outage, and multiple teams are working to address the issue for students, UW system spokesperson Mark Pitsch said. It's unclear if UW system data through Canvas, a cloud-based system operated by Instructure, has been compromised.

The outage on Thursday stems from a May 1 cybersecurity incident at Instructure, according to UW-Madison.

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