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Let us celebrate the New Year safely

Statement from members of the Common Council: Alderwoman Chantia Lewis, Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs, Alderman Ashanti Hamilton, Alderman Khalif J. Rainey, and Alderman Russell W. Stamper, II

2021 has been a year filled with many ups and downs, and as the year draws to a close we are all looking forward to ringing in the New Year, but we must remember to do so responsibly.

The Omicron COVID-19 variant has swept through our community in a big way. It has caused our testing sites to experience long waits and delays, and it has placed a significant strain on our healthcare systems, among many other impacts.

Because of this, we would encourage all to consider celebrating the New Year safely in smaller groups so we can start 2022 off on a strong, healthy note. We also remind everyone to remain vigilant in taking the proper precautions to protect yourself and others against COVID-19, whether vaccinated or not, by wearing your mask and watching your distance when around groups of others indoors, and washing your hands regularly.

While City COVID-19 testing sites are closed on January 1st and 2nd, operating hours on Monday, January 3 include: Northwest Health Center, 7630 W. Mill Rd. 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.; Southside Health Center, 1639 S. 23rd St. 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.; Menomonee Valley Site, 2401 W. St. Paul Ave. 12 p.m. – 6 p.m. Normal testing site hours resume on January 4. For the most up to date info on COVID-19 including testing sites, vaccination info and more, visit Milwaukee.gov/coronavirus.