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The City of Milwaukee Order #4.2 Update

MILWAUKEE– For the first time since early October, none of the five gating metrics monitored in the Health Department’s Moving Milwaukee Forward Safely are in the red category. While that is a positive development, there remains significant, ongoing concern about the presence and spread of COVID-19 in our community.

“This week’s developments, including the opening of the Wisconsin Center vaccination site, have brought a sense of optimism in our efforts to crush COVID. But along with that optimism, we must remember COVID-19 remains a life-threatening danger in Milwaukee,” Acting Commissioner Marlaina Jackson said. “For our neighbors, our family members, and for ourselves, we all must continue to wear masks in public, keep six feet away from non-household members, and avoid group settings where COVID-19 can be spread.”

Of the five gating criteria, the percentage of positive COVID-19 tests improved to 9.7%, elevating that metric to green. The four other criteria are in the yellow category.

Order #4.3, which put additional restrictions on bars and restaurants and athletic activities, lapsed as scheduled today. Milwaukee returns to Order #4.2 under which bars and restaurants can operate at the full capacity permitted under each location’s approved safety plan. The Milwaukee Health Department has approved 802 such plans and an additional 205 are in the process of being approved. The complete Order #4.2 is available online at milwaukee.gov/MMFS.

The Health Department’s central vaccination site opened this week at the Wisconsin Center where hundreds of COVID-19 vaccinations were provided to frontline health care workers and emergency medical responders. Following state and federal guidelines, no other individuals are currently being vaccinated there. Operations at this vaccination site proceeded smoothly, and in the coming weeks, as more vaccine is available, the Milwaukee Health Department expects to significantly expand the number of people receiving shots.

The Health Department continues to offer COVID-19 testing at the Southside Health Center, the Northwest Health Center, American Family Field (formerly Miller Park), and at a mobile location currently at Barak Obama High School. Testing numbers have been lower this week compared to testing levels in recent months. Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms and anyone potentially exposed to someone infected with COVID-19 is encouraged to be tested.

Below are the Five Key Indicators and Gating Criteria that drive our City’s advancement through the phases and guide our reopening.



Moving Milwaukee Forward Safely
Gating Metric Review September 24-January 14



Metric	Status – Sep 24	Status – Oct 1	Status – Oct 8	Status – Oct 15	Status – Oct 22	Status – Oct 29	Status – Nov 5	Status – Nov 12	Status – Nov 19	Status – Dec 3	Status – Dec 10	Status – Dec 17	Status – Jan 7	Status – Jan 14
** This statistic uses an industry standard of p<0.05 for statistical significance; this enables us to report the statistic with confidence or accuracy														
Cases	Red Slope of 0.28 , statistically significant trend	Yellow Slope of 0.17 , no statistically significant trend	Yellow Slope of -0.01 , no statistically significant trend	Red Slope of 0.27 , statistically significant trend	Red Slope of 0.21 , statistically significant trend	Red Slope of 0.29 , statistically significant trend	Red Slope of 0.41 , statistically significant trend	Red Slope of 0.66 , statistically significant trend	Yellow Slope of -0.06 , no statistically significant trend	Yellow Slope of 0.25 , no statistically significant trend	Yellow Slope of 0.03 , no statistically significant trend	Green Slope of -0.22 , statistically significant trend	Red Slope of 0.37 , statistically significant trend	Yellow Slope of -0.04 , no statistically significant trend
** Measured as the ability for residents to access a COVID-19 lab test														
Testing	Green Average of 2,225 tests per day. Average of 8.0% positive	Green Average of 2,426 tests per day. Average of 8.4% positive	Green Average of 2,680 tests per day. Average of 7.7% positive	Red Average of 2,857 tests per day. Average of 10.2% positive	Red Average of 2,974 tests per day. Average of 10.9% positive	Red Average of 2,861 tests per day. Average of 12.2% positive	Red Average of 3,382 tests per day. Average of 14.7% positive	Red Average of 4,018 tests per day. Average of 19.1% positive	Red Average of 4,267 tests per day. Average of 15.5% positive	Red Average of 2,680 tests per day. Average of 14.6% positive	Red Average of 3,456 tests per day. Average of 13.3% positive	Red Average of 3,332 tests per day. Average of 11.1% positive	Red Average of 2,341 tests per day. Average of 11.0% positive	Green Average of 2,881 tests per day. Average of 9.7% positive
Care: Percentage of COVID+ hospital beds														
PPE: Hospital systems reaching Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) goals														
Care ***	Green 5%	Green 6%	Green 6%	Green 7%	Yellow 11%	Yellow 14%	Yellow 16.8%	Red 21.2%	Red 24.7%	Red 22.9%	Red 20.9%	Yellow 19.4%	Yellow 14%	Yellow 12%
Safety (PPE) ***	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
** Week 1: 16.05% of COVID+ cases received a contact attempt by MHD staff within 24 hours of the case being reported														
Weeks 2-23: COVID+ residents assigned to MHD for follow-up were successfully reached within 3 contact attempts														
Weeks 24+: COVID+ residents assigned to MHD for follow-up that were successfully reached within 2 days of assignment														
Tracing	Yellow 86.7%	Yellow 83.5%	Yellow 85.2%	Yellow 81.7%	Yellow 73.3%	Yellow 58.2%	Red 45.3%	Yellow 53.0%	Yellow 61.0%	Yellow 66.8%	Yellow 72.6%	Yellow 73.7%	Yellow 72.1%	Yellow 74.8%

***Methodology for testing, cases, and tracing metrics were adjusted based on best practices for the city of Milwaukee
***Based on Milwaukee County Dashboard Data

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These measures are reassessed every Friday but advancement through the phases can only occur 14 days after we are in a new phase.

Reminder – Masks are required per the MKE Cares mask ordinance, which went into effect on July 16, 2020 for the city of Milwaukee. Please report business violations of the mask laws and Order #4.2 by calling 414-286-3674 or emailing cehadmin@milwaukee.gov. Complaints will remain anonymous. Free MHD masks are available for households and individuals. Free mask sites locations throughout the city are continually updated online at milwaukee.gov/masks.

Under order #4.2, restaurants and bars are required to submit their Business COVID Safety Plan and fill out the [Risk Assessment Tool](#) to continue in person dining. The facility’s COVID safety plan is comprised of two pieces. A complete safety plan is comprised of supporting documentation that addresses the components of the Risk Assessment Tool. The Risk Assessment Tool can be located at: milwaukee.gov/MMFS/SafetyPlan. Documents should be sent to cehadmin@milwaukee.gov with the subject line “COVID SAFETY PLAN: [insert name and address].” They can also be mailed in dropped into the drop box located in the Zeidler Municipal Building, on the first floor, by the lead and vital records department.

There are a variety of resources for schools and businesses available online on our school resource webpage located at: milwaukee.gov/MMFS/Schools. Reminder—the MHD is continuing to review COVID-19 safety plans for schools that are located in the City of Milwaukee and desire to have options aside from virtual. Plans are reviewed in the order that they are received and prioritized by the open date. Schools will receive an approval letter from the Commissioner of Health. Additionally, the City of Milwaukee has and will continue to provide a webinar series to business owners and operators with sector specific guidance. Please visit our website milwaukee.gov/MMFS/SafetyPlan for more information on COVID-19 safety plan submission and webinars.

The City of Milwaukee key indicators for Moving Milwaukee Forward Safely are updated weekly and are available online at milwaukee.gov/coronavirus.

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