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The City of Milwaukee Order #4.2 Update

MILWAUKEE– Gating criteria monitored by the Milwaukee Health Department show improvement again this week with two of the five metrics now listed in the green category. For the second week in a row, none of the gating criteria is in the red category. These gating criteria track key indicators in the COVID-19 pandemic, and they are used to determine the restrictions and precautions incorporated in the department’s public health order.

Notwithstanding the positive developments, COVID-19 remains present in our community, and we continue to see hospitalizations and deaths associated with the disease.

“People in Milwaukee are taking steps that reduce the spread of COVID-19. Masking, distancing and avoiding group settings are important; they are reducing the virus’s impact here,” Acting Commissioner Marlaina Jackson said. “We are making progress. I continue to encourage anyone with symptoms, and anyone who may have been exposed to COVID-19, to get tested by their healthcare provider or at a community testing location.”

Order #4.2, which went back into effect last week, remains in place. That order puts restrictions on a range of public activities and locations. These measures are reassessed every Friday, but advancement through the phases can only occur 14 days after we are in a new phase.

The Health Department’s central COVID-19 vaccination site continues to expand its capacity. Staff at the Wisconsin Center location vaccinated thousands of people this week, up from hundreds of vaccinations the previous week. Currently, the vaccine is offered exclusively to healthcare workers, emergency responders, and key support personnel. Planning continues for the vaccination of other categories of recipients, including people aged 65 and over. The only people being vaccinated at the Wisconsin Center are people with scheduled appointments.

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 locations which are currently at Barack Obama High School (at Custer Stadium) and Pulaski High School (in the parking lot north and east of the school). Appointments for mobile testing are strongly encouraged and available at curative.com/search. Testing numbers continue to be lower compared to testing levels in recent months. People with COVID-19 symptoms and everyone potentially exposed to someone infected with COVID-19 are 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 October 1-January 21



Metric	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	Status – Jan 21
** 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	Yellow Slope of 0.17, <u>no</u> statistically significant trend	Yellow Slope of -0.01, <u>no</u> 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, <u>no</u> statistically significant trend	Yellow Slope of 0.25, <u>no</u> statistically significant trend	Yellow Slope of 0.03, <u>no</u> statistically significant trend	Green Slope of -0.22, statistically significant trend	Red Slope of 0.37, statistically significant trend	Yellow Slope of -0.04, <u>no</u> statistically significant trend	Green Slope of -0.22, statistically significant trend
** Measured as the ability for residents to access a COVID-19 lab test														
Testing	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	Green Average of 2,775 tests per day. Average of 8.2% positive
Care: Percentage of COVID+ hospital beds PPE: Hospital systems reaching Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) goals														
Care ***	Green 6%	Green 6%	Green 7%	Yellow 11%	Yellow 14%	Yellow 17%	Red 21%	Red 25%	Red 23%	Red 21%	Yellow 19%	Yellow 14%	Yellow 12%	Yellow 11%
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 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%	Yellow 72.0%

**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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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].”

There are a variety of resources for schools and businesses available online on our school resource webpage located at: milwaukee.gov/MMFS/Schools. 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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