The City of Milwaukee Order #4.2 Update

MILWAUKEE—COVID-19 gating criteria monitored by the Milwaukee Health Department shifted this week but maintained a generally positive trend. Two of the five metrics are listed in the green category with an improvement in the percentage of COVID-19 hospital bed usage. At the same time, cases moved from green to yellow as there was no significant direction in the overall number of COVID-19 cases. 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.

COVID-19 remains present in our community and is an ongoing threat. COVID-19 continues to claim lives here.

“The Milwaukee Health Department steadily works to crush COVID here, and we are doing that in multiple ways. We are expanding vaccination, maintaining testing, reviewing public health orders, enforcing those orders, and reaching out with information and services throughout the city,” Acting Commissioner Marlaina Jackson said. “People in Milwaukee are taking steps to reduce COVID-19 infections, and the percentage of positive tests here indicates we are on a more encouraging course than our surrounding counties.”

Order #4.2, which went back into effect on January 15th remains in place. That order puts restrictions on a range of public activities and locations. These measures are reassessed on a regular basis and modifications to the order are under active consideration.

The Health Department’s central COVID-19 vaccination site continues to expand its capacity. Staff at the Wisconsin Center location are on course to vaccinate more than 28-hundred people this week. With allocations of both Moderna and Pfizer vaccine, the city anticipates vaccinating more than 5-thousand people next week.

For the first time, starting February 1st and 2nd, the city will expand the categories of people it is vaccinating to include those aged 65 and over. On Monday and Tuesday a total of nearly 22-hundred people over 65 have scheduled appointments. The sign up process for this group is being refined, and more information about that will be made public as soon as next week.

A new vaccination dashboard has been added to the Milwaukee Health Department website. Data shared on the dashboard includes the number and percentage of city residents who have received either a first or second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. That information is available at milwaukee.gov/covidvax.

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.

**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. Our school resource webpage is 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

![Image](milwaukee.gov/MMFS/SafetyPlan)
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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