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The City of Milwaukee Order #4.3 Update

MILWAUKEE – The Milwaukee Health Department continues to be very concerned about the high levels of COVID-19 infections in our community. Gating criteria monitored by the Health Department remained unchanged this week with two in the red category: testing and care. Order #4.3 remains in place.

“We are seeing fewer people tested for COVID-19 in recent days, but disease presence, as indicated by the percentage of positive test results, remains high.” Acting Commissioner Marlaina Jackson said. “We encourage people to get tested, when appropriate, and ask people to be particularly cautious during this holiday season.”

The Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) issued a public health order last spring called ‘Moving Milwaukee Forward Safely.’ This order (available at https://city.milwaukee.gov/MMFS) uses a measured, phased approach that utilizes data-driven gating criteria that aligns with federal and state guidance. This plan outlines the measures needed for the City of Milwaukee based on the latest science. Below are the Five Key Indicators and Gating Criteria that drive our City’s advancement through the phases and guide our reopening.

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| **This statistic uses an industry standard of p<0.05 for statistical significance; this enables us to report the statistic with confidence or accuracy**

| Testing | Yellow Average of 1,548 tests per day, Average of 5.2% positive | Green Average of 1,696 tests per day, Average of 4.9% positive | Yellow Average of 2,225 tests per day, Average of 6.6% positive | Green Average of 2,426 tests per day, Average of 8.0% positive | Yellow Average of 2,620 tests per day, Average of 8.4% positive | Red Average of 2,874 tests per day, Average of 9.1% positive | Red Average of 2,897 tests per day, Average of 10.2% positive | Red Average of 2,897 tests per day, Average of 10.2% positive | Red Average of 2,897 tests per day, Average of 10.2% positive | Red Average of 2,897 tests per day, Average of 10.2% positive | Red Average of 2,787 tests per day, Average of 10.5% positive | Red Average of 2,787 tests per day, Average of 10.5% positive | Red Average of 2,787 tests per day, Average of 10.5% positive |
| **Measured as the ability for residents to access a COVID-19 lab test**

| Care *** | Green 6% | Green 5% | Green 5% | Green 6% | Green 6% | Yellow 11% | Yellow 14% | Red 16.8% | Red 21.2% | Red 24.7% | Red 22.9% | Red 20.9%
| Safety (PPE) *** | 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 83.0% | Yellow 83.5% | Yellow 81.7% | Yellow 86.3% | Yellow 83.5% | Yellow 81.7% | Yellow 73.3% | Yellow 58.2% | Yellow 45.3% | Yellow 33.0% | Yellow 61.0% | Yellow 66.8% | Yellow 72.6% |
| **Methodology for testing, cases, and tracing metrics were adjusted based on best practices for the city of Milwaukee**

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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. We are seeing continuing, statistically significant trends and stayed RED for care and testing.

**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 #4.3 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 #4.3, restaurants and bars are required to submit their Business COVID Safety Plan and fill out the [Risk Assessment Tool](https://city.milwaukee.gov/MMFS/SafetyPlan) to continue in person dining. (Deadline was September 15, 2020, but submittals continue to be accepted). 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: [https://city.milwaukee.gov/MMFS/SafetyPlan](https://city.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.

The Zeidler Municipal Building  
841 N. Broadway  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
8am - 430pm  
Mon - Fri  
Closed on the Weekends

There are a variety of resources for schools and businesses available online on our school resource webpage located at: [https://city.milwaukee.gov/MMFS/Schools](https://city.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 [http://www.milwaukee.gov/MMFS/SafetyPlan](http://www.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 have been updated as they are weekly and are available online at [www.milwaukee.gov/coronavirus](http://www.milwaukee.gov/coronavirus).

Milwaukee Health Department Order #4.3 is scheduled to remain in effect until January 15, 2021 at which time it will revert to the previous Order #4.2.

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