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## The City of Milwaukee Order #4.3 Update

MILWAUKEE– Gating metrics compiled by the Milwaukee Health Department show positive movement this week, indicating some improvement in the COVID-19 disease trends here. While infections in our community remain at a high level, gating criteria improved in cases and care. Order #4.3 remains in place.

“The trends are positive and vaccine distribution has started across the state with health care institutions receiving the first shipments. Even so, we still need to wear masks, maintain social distance and avoid group gatherings.” Acting Commissioner Marlaina Jackson said. “I am particularly concerned about holiday gatherings – in churches and homes – that could increase COVID-19 infections.”

The current Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) public health order uses a measured, phased approach based on data-driven gating criteria that aligns with federal and state guidance. The order is available online at [milwaukee.gov/MMFS](http://milwaukee.gov/MMFS). 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 10-December 17



Metric	Status – Sep 10	Status – Sep 17	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
<b>** This statistic uses an industry standard of p&lt;0.05 for statistical significance; this enables us to report the statistic with confidence or accuracy</b>														
Cases	Yellow Slope of -0.02, <u>no</u> statistically significant trend	Yellow Slope of 0.12, <u>no</u> statistically significant trend	Red Slope of 0.28, statistically significant trend	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
<b>** Measured as the ability for residents to access a COVID-19 lab test</b>														
Testing	Green Average of 1,646 tests per day. Average of 4.9% positive	Yellow Average of 1,766 tests per day. Average of 6.4% positive	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
<b>Care: Percentage of COVID+ hospital beds PPE: Hospital systems reaching Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) goals</b>														
Care ***	Green 5%	Green 5%	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%
Safety (PPE) ***	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
<b>** 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</b>														
Tracing	Yellow 82.5%	Yellow 81.7%	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%

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

These measures are reassessed every Friday but advancement through the phases can only occur 14 days after we are in a new phase. This week, testing is the only gating criteria that remains in the red category.

**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](mailto: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](http://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](#) 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: [milwaukee.gov/MMFS/SafetyPlan](http://milwaukee.gov/MMFS/SafetyPlan). Documents should be sent to [cehadmin@milwaukee.gov](mailto: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: [milwaukee.gov/MMFS/Schools](http://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](http://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 [milwaukee.gov/coronavirus](http://milwaukee.gov/coronavirus).

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

Routine updates will resume on Friday, January 8, 2021 following a holiday hiatus.

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