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The City of Milwaukee Order Phase 6 Update

MILWAUKEE– Milwaukee’s rate of COVID-19 cases continues to increase with the gating criteria climbing to the “high transmission” for that category. The seven day average for the rate per 100,000 people is now 110.5 which is up from just 45.8 one month ago. The percent positive for COVID-19 testing, another of the gating criteria, is also more than twice as high as it was a month ago. That measurement remains in the “moderate transmission” category.

The Milwaukee Health Department opted not to revise the current public health order this week. Future modifications remain a possibility if the current trends continue.

“Precautions and prevention remain the best way forward. Masks, distancing, and avoiding groups can help reduce the spread of the virus. Vaccination can protect people from the most serious consequences of COVID-19,” Commissioner Kirsten Johnson said. “Everybody wants to put this pandemic behind us. But to achieve that, everybody needs to take appropriate steps.”

The Milwaukee Health Department will relocate its community vaccination sites starting Monday, April 19th. The Northwest Health Center at 76th Street and Mill Road and the Southside Health Center at 23rd and Lapham Streets will offer walk-up vaccinations every weekday. The hours are 10:00 am until 4:00 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; on Tuesdays and Thursdays, the hours are 10:00 am until 6:00 pm. With in-person classes resuming, the community vaccination sites at North and South Division High Schools will be closing permanently today.

The vaccination site at the Wisconsin Center, 500 West Wells Street, remains open seven days a week from 9:00 am until 6:00 pm on Mondays through Saturdays. Sunday hours are 9:00 am until 4:00 pm. Walk-ups are welcome there.

Vaccine supply continues to be more than sufficient to meet the ongoing demand. To promote COVID-19 vaccination, additional efforts including partnerships, neighborhood outreach, and advertising are advancing.

Vaccination appointments can still be made through the Health Department’s scheduling portal and vaccine information hub at milwaukee.gov/covidvax. People without internet access can schedule appointments by calling 414-286-6800.

Following direction from federal and state public health authorities, the Milwaukee Health Department paused its use of the Johnson & Johnson Janssen vaccine this week. To date, the Health Department delivered 1,865 doses of the J&J vaccine which makes up a small fraction of the more than 82,000 vaccinations that have been provided.

Testing for the COVID-19 virus is available Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm at American Family Field. COVID-19 testing continues to be available at the Southside Health Center and the Northwest Health Center six days per week from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm. The most up to date information about testing is available at [Milwaukee.gov/covidtesting](https://www.milwaukee.gov/covidtesting) or by calling 414-286-6800. People with COVID-19 symptoms and everyone potentially exposed to someone infected with COVID-19 are encouraged to be tested.

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

Moving Milwaukee Forward Safely
Gating Metric Review March 18-April 15



Metric	Status – March 18	Status – March 25	Status – April 1	Status – April 8	Status – April 15
This metric determines current disease burden. Increased burden increases rates of transmission					
Rate of COVID-19 cases per 100,000 over 7 days	Yellow Moderate Transmission 45.8	Orange Substantial Transmission 68.3	Orange Substantial Transmission 97.9	Orange Substantial Transmission 95.6	Red High Transmission 110.5
This metric determines percent positivity. Percent positivity indicates test availability and transmission trends					
Percentage test positivity over 7 days	Blue Low Transmission 2.4%	Blue Low Transmission 3.8%	Blue Low Transmission 4.9%	Yellow Moderate Transmission 5.0%	Yellow Moderate Transmission 5.6%
Vaccination rate is calculated based on the City of Milwaukee’s adult population (individuals 16 or older)					
City Adult Vaccination Rate	8.5%	10.4%	13.1%	16.3%	20.2%

Data Source: Wisconsin Immunization Registry (WIR) and Wisconsin Electronic Disease Surveillance System (WEDSS)
The metrics used to determine re-opening phases was updated on 3/18/2021 based on CDC guidance (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/indicators.html>) and best practices for Milwaukee

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Reminder – Milwaukee’s mask ordinance (MCO ch. 62-8) continues to require appropriate face covering while the city’s public health order is in place. Please report business violations of the mask laws or the current public health order by calling 414-286-3674 or emailing cehadmin@milwaukee.gov. Complaints can remain anonymous. Free MHD masks are available for households and individuals. View free mask locations at [milwaukee.gov/masks](https://www.milwaukee.gov/masks).

The City of Milwaukee key indicators for Moving Milwaukee Forward Safely are updated weekly and are available online at [milwaukee.gov/coronavirus](https://www.milwaukee.gov/coronavirus).

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