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The City of Milwaukee Phase 4.2 Order Update

MILWAUKEE – Again this week, the COVID-19 trends are raising alarm. Of the five gating criteria monitored by the Milwaukee Health Department, three are in the red category prompting a high level of concern. Over the last week two gating criteria, testing and cases, remained listed as red. This week, tracing improved to yellow while care is now listed as red.

“Our city is not making progress in reducing COVID-19 infections, and that means there is a growing threat to people in Milwaukee,” Acting Commissioner Marlaina Jackson said. “It is essential that everyone follow safety precautions including wearing masks, maintaining distance, and avoiding gathering in groups.”

The City of 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.

Moving Milwaukee Forward Safely Gating Metric Review August 13–November 12



Metric	Status – Aug 13	Status – Aug 20	Status – Aug 27	Status – Sep 3	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
** 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 -0.01, no statistically significant trend	Yellow Slope of -0.13, no statistically significant trend	Green Slope of -0.19, statistically significant trend	Yellow Slope of -0.03, no statistically significant trend	Yellow Slope of -0.02, no statistically significant trend	Yellow Slope of 0.12, no statistically significant trend	Red Slope of 0.28, statistically significant trend	Yellow Slope of 0.17, no statistically significant trend	Yellow Slope of -0.01, no 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
** Measured as the ability for residents to access a COVID-19 lab test														
Testing	Green Average of 2,162 tests per day. Average of 7.2% positive	Green Average of 2,256 tests per day. Average of 5.7% positive	Green Average of 2,027 tests per day. Average of 5.0% positive	Yellow Average of 1,548 tests per day. Average of 5.3% positive	Green Average of 1,646 tests per day. Average of 4.9% positive	Yellow Average of 1,766 tests per day. Average of 5.4% 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
Care: Percentage of COVID+ hospital beds PPE: Hospital systems reaching Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) goals														
Care ***	Green 6%	Green 6%	Green 6%	Green 6%	Green 5%	Green 5%	Green 5%	Green 6%	Green 6%	Green 7%	Yellow 11%	Yellow 14%	Yellow 16.8%	Red 21.2%
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 83.9%	Yellow 84.4%	Yellow 81.4%	Yellow 83.0%	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%

***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. We are seeing continuing, statistically significant trends and stayed **RED** for cases and testing, and, this week, added care to the gating criteria 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 and was extended for the rest of the State on September 22, 2020. 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.

Under our phase 4.2 order, 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: <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 new school resource webpage located at: <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 www.milwaukee.gov/MMFS for more information on COVID-19 safety plan submission and webinars.

Lastly, the City of Milwaukee key indicators for Moving Milwaukee Forward Safely have been updated as they are every Thursday and are available online at www.milwaukee.gov/coronavirus.

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