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The City of Milwaukee Phase 4.2 Order Update

MILWAUKEE – The current Milwaukee Health Department order remains unchanged this week. At the same time, the high levels of COVID-19 infections in our community continue to raise alarms. Of the five gating criteria monitored by the Health Department, two are in the red category: testing and care. This week, cases improved to yellow indicating no significant trend in the percent of positive cases in COVID-19 testing.

“We continue to be concerned about the potential for increased COVID-19 infections in Milwaukee following the Thanksgiving holiday next week,” Acting Commissioner Marlaina Jackson said. “We are asking everyone to put off group celebrations and avoid all contact with people outside of their home.”

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.

Moving Milwaukee Forward Safely  
Gating Metric Review August 20-November 19

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<td><strong>Cases</strong></td>
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<td>Yellow Average of 1,646 tests per day, Average of 4.9% positive</td>
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<td>Green Average of 2,154 tests per day, Average of 8.4% positive</td>
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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**

** Measured as the ability for residents to access a COVID-19 lab test

**Care: Percentage of COVID+ hospital beds**

**Safety [PPE]: Hospital systems reaching Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) goals**

**Tracing**

**Week 1: 16.05% of COVID+ cases received a contact attempt by MHD staff within 24 hours of the case being reported**

**Weeks 2-3: COVID+ residents assigned to MHD for follow-up were successfully reached within 3 contact attempts**

**Weeks 4-7: COVID+ residents assigned to MHD for follow-up that were successfully reached within 2 days of assignment**

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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 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.

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.

With the Thanksgiving holiday next week, routine updates will resume the week of November 30th through December 4th.