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## The City of Milwaukee Phase 4.2 Order Update

MILWAUKEE - The Milwaukee Health Department revised the current COVID-19 orders earlier this week establishing additional protective measures in the city as increased cases and high positive testing rates have been recorded.

“It is very important for everyone in our city to take all reasonable precautions to limit the spread of COVID-19. The trends we are seeing in our gating criteria raise serious concerns,” Acting Health Commissioner Marlaina Jackson said. “There is a growing importance for people to stay home to the extent they can. If people go out, they must wear masks; they must maintain at least a six foot distance from others; and, they must avoid gathering in groups.”

The City of Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) issued a public health order called last spring called ‘Moving Milwaukee Forward.’ 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 July 30-October 29



| Metric  | Status – July 30  | Status – Aug 6  | 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   |
|---|---|---|---|---|--|---|---|--|--|--|---|---|---|---|
| <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> |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |
| <b>Cases</b>  | <b>Yellow</b><br>Slope of <b>-0.03</b> , no statistically significant trend | <b>Yellow</b><br>Slope of <b>-0.14</b> , no statistically significant trend | <b>Yellow</b><br>Slope of <b>-0.01</b> , no statistically significant trend | <b>Yellow</b><br>Slope of <b>-0.13</b> , no statistically significant trend | <b>Green</b><br>Slope of <b>-0.19</b> , statistically significant trend  | <b>Yellow</b><br>Slope of <b>-0.03</b> , no statistically significant trend | <b>Yellow</b><br>Slope of <b>-0.02</b> , no statistically significant trend | <b>Yellow</b><br>Slope of <b>0.12</b> , no statistically significant trend | <b>Red</b><br>Slope of <b>0.28</b> , statistically significant trend     | <b>Yellow</b><br>Slope of <b>0.17</b> , no statistically significant trend | <b>Yellow</b><br>Slope of <b>-0.01</b> , no statistically significant trend | <b>Red</b><br>Slope of <b>0.27</b> , statistically significant trend    | <b>Red</b><br>Slope of <b>0.21</b> , statistically significant trend    | <b>Red</b><br>Slope of <b>0.29</b> , statistically significant trend    |
| <b>** Measured as the ability for residents to access a COVID-19 lab test</b>   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |
| <b>Testing</b>  | <b>Green</b><br>Average of 2,457 tests per day. Average of 9.2% positive    | <b>Green</b><br>Average of 2,152 tests per day. Average of 7.7% positive    | <b>Green</b><br>Average of 2,162 tests per day. Average of 7.2% positive    | <b>Green</b><br>Average of 2,256 tests per day. Average of 5.7% positive    | <b>Green</b><br>Average of 2,027 tests per day. Average of 5.0% positive | <b>Yellow</b><br>Average of 1,548 tests per day. Average of 5.3% positive   | <b>Green</b><br>Average of 1,646 tests per day. Average of 4.9% positive    | <b>Yellow</b><br>Average of 1,766 tests per day. Average of 6.4% positive  | <b>Green</b><br>Average of 2,225 tests per day. Average of 8.0% positive | <b>Green</b><br>Average of 2,426 tests per day. Average of 8.4% positive   | <b>Green</b><br>Average of 2,680 tests per day. Average of 7.7% positive    | <b>Red</b><br>Average of 2,857 tests per day. Average of 10.2% positive | <b>Red</b><br>Average of 2,974 tests per day. Average of 10.9% positive | <b>Red</b><br>Average of 2,861 tests per day. Average of 12.2% positive |
| <b>Care: Percentage of COVID+ hospital beds</b>   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |
| <b>PPE: Hospital systems reaching Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) goals</b>   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |
| <b>Care ***</b>   | <b>Green</b><br>6%  | <b>Green</b><br>7%  | <b>Green</b><br>6%  | <b>Green</b><br>6%  | <b>Green</b><br>6%   | <b>Green</b><br>6%  | <b>Green</b><br>5%  | <b>Green</b><br>5%   | <b>Green</b><br>5%   | <b>Green</b><br>6%   | <b>Green</b><br>6%  | <b>Green</b><br>7%  | <b>Yellow</b><br>11%  | <b>Yellow</b><br>14%  |
| <b>Safety (PPE) ***</b>   | <b>Yellow</b>   | <b>Yellow</b>   | <b>Yellow</b>   | <b>Yellow</b>   | <b>Yellow</b>  | <b>Yellow</b>   | <b>Yellow</b>   | <b>Yellow</b>  | <b>Yellow</b>  | <b>Yellow</b>  | <b>Yellow</b>   | <b>Yellow</b>   | <b>Yellow</b>   | <b>Yellow</b>   |
| <b>** Week 1: 16.05% of COVID+ cases received a contact attempt by MHD staff within 24 hours of the case being reported</b>                                       |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |
| <b>Weeks 2-23: COVID+ residents assigned to MHD for follow-up were successfully reached within 3 contact attempts</b>   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |
| <b>Weeks 24+: COVID+ residents assigned to MHD for follow-up that were successfully reached within 2 days of assignment</b>                                       |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |
| <b>Tracing</b>  | <b>Yellow</b><br>74.1%  | <b>Yellow</b><br>79.9%  | <b>Yellow</b><br>83.9%  | <b>Yellow</b><br>84.4%  | <b>Yellow</b><br>81.4%   | <b>Yellow</b><br>83.0%  | <b>Yellow</b><br>82.5%  | <b>Yellow</b><br>81.7%   | <b>Yellow</b><br>86.7%   | <b>Yellow</b><br>83.5%   | <b>Yellow</b><br>85.2%  | <b>Yellow</b><br>81.7%  | <b>Yellow</b><br>73.3%  | <b>Yellow</b><br>58.2%  |

\*\*\*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.

**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](mailto: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](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

All plans are being reviewed in the order received, and approval may take time. Once a business has been approved, the operator will receive a certificate or seal from the Milwaukee Health Department indicating that they may operate safely.

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](http://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](http://www.milwaukee.gov/coronavirus).

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