

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**Date:** April 23, 2021Contact: Emily Tau
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MILWAUKEE – Milwaukee’s rate of COVID-19 cases saw an increase again in this week’s seven day average, with 127.1 cases per 100,000. This is up from last week, which was 110.5 cases, and continues to place us in the “high transmission” category. Test positivity also increased slightly, from a seven day average of 5.6% to 5.8%, and remains in the “moderate transmission” category.

To date, 25.7% of City of Milwaukee adult residents over the age of 16 have been fully vaccinated. Those who have not received their vaccination yet are encouraged to visit any of the Milwaukee Health Department’s vaccination clinics. The Wisconsin Center, 400 West Wells Street, is still open seven days a week, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the weekends. Walk-ups are welcome, but pre-registration at milwaukee.gov/covidvax can expedite the process.

On Monday, April 19, the Milwaukee Health Department opened its community vaccination sites at the Northwest Health Center, at 76th Street and Mill Road, and Southside Health Center, at 23rd and Lapham Streets. Both of these sites are offering walk-up vaccinations from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays and 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

“We have seen a slight decline in vaccinations, as those who were eager to be first in line are completing their vaccination series,” Commissioner Kirsten Johnson said. “Now we are expanding our emphasis on going out into the community to reach the large percentage of residents who still want to receive the vaccine.”

As part of this initiative, the Milwaukee Health Department is continuing to bring mobile vaccination clinics to businesses and churches throughout the community. Tomorrow, April 24, vaccines will be offered at the Wisconsin Black Historical Society, 2620 W. Center Street, from 12 p.m. until 4 p.m. A vaccination clinic will be hosted next Tuesday, April 27, at Jackson Park Lutheran Church, 4535 W. Oklahoma Avenue, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., and on Wednesday, April 28, at Ascension All Saints Family Health Center, 2400 W. Villard Avenue, from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Reservations are not required, and anyone can walk up at these locations to receive the COVID-19 vaccination.

Commissioner Johnson announced the FEMA-supported vaccination site at the Wisconsin Center would wrap-up, as planned, on May 28th. Currently, the Wisconsin Center has the capacity to administer 2,000 first doses and 2,000 second doses of the vaccine daily but are only seeing demand for an average of 350 first doses daily. This end date still allows five weeks for Wisconsin residents to receive their vaccination at the Wisconsin Center, and the Milwaukee Health Department is confident that the City will still have ample supply to vaccinate its residents at the other sites going forward. Anyone who received a first dose of a two-dose vaccine in the final weeks of the Wisconsin Center operation will be scheduled for a second dose at one of Milwaukee’s community clinics.

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

Metric	Status – March 18	Status – March 25	Status – April 1	Status – April 8	Status – April 15	Status – April 22
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	Red High Transmission 127.1
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%	Yellow Moderate Transmission 5.8%
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%	25.7%

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

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.

The City of Milwaukee key indicators for Moving Milwaukee Forward Safely are updated weekly and are available online at milwaukee.gov/coronavirus.

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