

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**Date:** April 30, 2021Contact: Emily Tau
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MILWAUKEE – This week saw a slight decrease in our seven-day COVID-19 data, though the gating criteria still remain in the “high transmission” category for burden rate and “moderate transmission” category for the percent positive tests. The seven-day average for the rate per 100,000 people is 111.3 this week, down from 127.1 last week, and the seven-day percentage of positive tests dropped from 5.8% to 5.0% this week. Additionally, the City of Milwaukee crossed the 30% threshold, with 30.8% of adults over the age of 16 completing their vaccination series.

“While the positive trends this week are promising,” Commissioner Kirsten Johnson said. “Vaccinations remain our best course of action toward unmasking, larger gatherings, and a safe summer. With vaccination sites and opportunities throughout the city, we want to continue to encourage every Milwaukee resident to crush COVID and get their vaccine.”

This Sunday, May 2, is the final Sunday the FEMA mass vaccination site at the Wisconsin Center will be open. Beginning next week, the hours at the Wisconsin Center will be Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. until the site’s final day on May 28. As this site wraps up, the Health Department will shift focus towards proactive initiatives to bring the vaccine into neighborhoods throughout the Milwaukee community.

On Saturday, May 1, the Milwaukee Health Department will be available to vaccinate attendees of Voces de la Frontera’s May Day Community Block Party from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. outside the new Voces building at 733 W. Historic Mitchell Street.

Sunday, May 2, attendees of the Milwaukee Bucks 2:30 p.m. game will have the opportunity to receive their vaccination at Fiserv Forum.

The recurring mobile clinic at Ascension All Saints will be open from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 5. This vaccination site, located at 2400 W. Villard Avenue, is open every Wednesday for walk-in appointments.

Next Friday, May 7, VISIT Milwaukee and the Milwaukee Health Department are encouraging hospitality staff to get their vaccines by hosting Hospitality Vaccination Day at the Wisconsin Center. VISIT Milwaukee will be handing out \$1,000 in restaurant and hotel gift cards to those who attend while supplies last. In addition, two lucky winners will receive \$500 when they return for their second dose on May 28.

Earlier this week, the CDC announced new guidance stating fully vaccinated individuals can forego their masks when outdoors in public settings, but still cautioned that everyone – both vaccinated and unvaccinated – continue to wear masks when in crowded outdoor settings, such as sporting events or festivals. Currently, the Milwaukee Health Department’s mask ordinance is still in place, but internal discussions around amending this ordinance are occurring. The Milwaukee Health Department is working through the Common Council process and meeting with stakeholders to determine the best course of action.

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	Status – April 29
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	Red High Transmission 111.3
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%	Yellow Moderate Transmission 5.0%
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%	30.8%

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

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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