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[emitau@milwaukee.gov](mailto:emitau@milwaukee.gov)**The City of Milwaukee Order Phase 6 Update**

MILWAUKEE – This week’s gating criteria tells a similar story to last week. The burden rate dropped to 110.6 cases per 100,000, which still leaves us in the high transmission category. The percentage test positivity remains in the moderate transmission category, at 5.2%. Though these numbers are continuing to decline, the Moving Milwaukee Forward Safely Order will hold steady in Phase 6, with hopes that these trends will continue.

New data from Wisconsin DHS this week shows the vaccines to be 99.97% effective at preventing illness from COVID-19. In Wisconsin, approximately half of the “breakthrough” cases were asymptomatic, with the vast majority of those who did experience symptoms to be very mild. A new report from UW Health analyzing CDC data shows that an unvaccinated individual is 1,000 times more likely to contract COVID-19 than someone who is fully vaccinated.

“We cannot overstate the importance of vaccinations,” Commissioner Kirsten Johnson said. “The best course of action to keep yourself, your friends, family, and loved ones safe and healthy is by getting vaccinated and encouraging you community to do the same.”

Milwaukee Health Department’s latest data shows that 35.2% of Milwaukee adults over the age of 16 are now fully vaccinated, with 42.3% having received their first vaccine. The vaccine distribution strategy is shifting to bring vaccination opportunities into the community, with multiple upcoming mobile vaccination clinics.

On Saturday, May 8, Milwaukee Health Department will be hosting three vaccination clinics. The COA Goldin Center at 2320 West Burleigh Street will be open from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. The Walker’s Point Community Clinic at 130 West Bruce Street will be administering vaccines from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. And the Immanuel Presbyterian Church at 1100 North Astor Street will host a clinic from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

On Sunday, May 9, the Salvation Army Emergency Lodge at 1730 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street will have a mobile clinic from 12 p.m. until 2 p.m.

In addition to the mobile vaccine clinics, the Wisconsin Center is still providing vaccines Monday through Saturday until the clinic wraps up on May 28. Beginning Saturday, May 8, anyone who visits the Wisconsin Center for their first vaccine will need to make an appointment at a different location to complete their vaccination series. Both the Northwest Health Center and Southside Health Centers will continue to administer first and second vaccines Monday through Friday.

Summerfest announced their headliners earlier this week, sparking excited conversations about upcoming festivals and large gatherings this year. The Milwaukee Health Department will continue to monitor the gating criteria on a weekly basis and work closely with all festival organizers to determine the best course of action to ensure a fun and safe summer.

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	Status – May 6
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	Red High Transmission 110.6
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%	Yellow Moderate Transmission 5.2%
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%	35.2%

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

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