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The City of Milwaukee Phase 4.1 Order Update

MILWAUKEE - On May 15, 2020, the City of Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) issued a public health and safety order called ‘Moving Milwaukee Forward.’ This order uses a measured, phased approach that utilizes a 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. Milwaukee has made steady progress in reducing the impact of COVID-19 but we still have a long way to go. We will continue to focus on the importance of continuation and resumption of businesses and activities for all sectors of our economy.

Below are the Five Key Indicators and Gating Criteria that drive our City’s advancement through the phases.

Moving Milwaukee Forward Safely Gating Metric Review May 28-August 6



Metric	Status – May 28 *	Status – June 4 **	Status – June 11	Status – June 18	Status – June 25	Status – July 2	Status – July 9	Status – July 16	Status – July 23	Status – July 30	Status – Aug 6
Logistic regression is used with the industry standard of p<0.05 for statistical significance; this enables us to report the statistic with greater accuracy. A negative trend means cases are going down.											
Cases	Red Slope of 4.63, statistically significant positive trend	Yellow Slope of 0.764, no statistically significant trend	Yellow Slope of -0.15, no statistically significant trend	Green Slope of -0.23, statistically significant negative trend	Yellow Slope of 0.10, no statistically significant trend	Red Slope of 0.53, statistically significant trend	Yellow Slope of 0.15, no statistically significant trend	Yellow Slope of 0.09, no statistically significant trend	Yellow Slope of -0.12, no statistically significant trend	Yellow Slope of -0.03, no statistically significant trend	Yellow Slope of -0.14, no statistically significant trend
COVID-19 positivity rate*** and 5-day average for daily # of tests are used. Note either measure can be used to assess indicator progress. Both measure the ability for residents to access a COVID-19 lab test & if adequate testing is occurring											
Testing	Red Between 230 and 470 tests performed per day	Yellow Average of 1,120 tests per day	Yellow Average of 10% +	Yellow Average of 7.08% +	Yellow Average of 7.8% +	Yellow Estimated Average of 1,682 tests per day	Yellow Average of 1,702 tests per day, Average of 9.1% +	Green Average of 2,489 tests per day, Average of 9.9% +	Green Average of 2,642 tests per day, Average of 9.1% +	Green Average of 2,457 tests per day, Average of 9.2% +	Green Average of 2,152 tests per day, Average of 7.7% +
Care: Percentage of hospitals not in Crisis Care and the percentage of COVID + hospital beds PPE: Hospital systems reaching Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) goals											
Care ****	Yellow 11%	Yellow 10%	Green 9%	Green 7%	Green 6%	Green 5%	Green 6%	Green 6%	Green 6%	Green 6%	Green 7%
Safety (PPE) *****	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
Week 1: 16.05% of COVID+ cases received a contact attempt by MHD staff within 24 hours of the case being reported Weeks 2-: COVID+ residents assigned to MHD for follow-up were successfully reached within 3 contact attempts within 2 days.											
Tracing	Red 16.05%	Yellow 77.8%	Yellow 91.29%	Yellow 78.8%	Yellow 82.9%	Yellow 83.3%	Yellow 76.5%	Yellow 62.1%	Yellow 75.3%	Yellow 74.1%	Yellow 79.9%

*Delays in data reporting from National Guard sites heavily impacted the cases, testing, tracing metrics

**Methodology for testing, cases, and tracing metrics were adjusted based on best practices for the city of Milwaukee

***COVID-19 positivity rate is defined as positive tests/all total tests performed (+ and -) x 100. This measures if adequate testing is occurring in the community.

****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. Today is the 7-day mark for Phase 4.1; these measures will be reassessed on the 14-day mark, August 14, 2020. MHD will continue to monitor the situation and determine if additional protective measures are necessary to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Reminder – Masks are required per the MKE Cares mask ordinance which went into effect on July 16th for the city of Milwaukee and the rest of the State on August 1st. Please report business violations of the mask laws and order 4.1. by calling 414-286-3674 or emailing cehadmin@milwaukee.gov. Complaints will remain anonymous.

Also, under our phase 4.1 order, restaurants and bars will be required to submit a [safety plan](#) and [Risk Assessment Tool](#) by 11:59 p.m. CT on September 15, 2020, to continue in person dining without capacity limits (indoors and outdoors). Documents should be sent to cehadmin@milwaukee.gov with the subject line “COVID SAFETY PLAN: [insert name and address].” All plans will be reviewed in the order that they have been received, and approval may take several days. 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 businesses by sector that are available online. The City of Milwaukee has and will continue to provide a webinar series to business owners and operators with sector specific guidance, which is posted on our website www.milwaukee.gov/MMFS.

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.

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