Moving Milwaukee Forward

Gating Criteria for Phased Implementation

Overview: The City of Milwaukee Health Department will modify and revise public health orders in phases, with each phase providing increased capacity for residents and businesses to return to normal. The Health Department and City leaders will regularly review key indicators to decide if COVID-19 has been controlled enough to move to the next phase.

Criteria are available and updated on the Milwaukee County Covid-19 dashboard. The City’s Gating Criteria builds upon the Badger Bounce Back program and guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control’s Guidelines for Opening Up America Again.

Our progress as a city in containing Covid-19 and returning to “normal” depends on all of us to work together and do our part to meet these criteria.

Gating Criteria: Gating Criteria will be updated daily and assessed together every 7 days. If the levels meet predetermined targets, the Mayor and Commissioner of Health will assess the ability to move to the next phase as defined in the Moving Milwaukee Forward plan.

The following measures are the Gating Criteria:
- **Cases**: Percent positive COVID cases and ongoing decrease in positive tests
- **Testing**: Testing of Milwaukee residents with COVID-19 symptoms, 2,400 tests per day
- **Care**: Percentage of patients in hospitals with Covid-19 and hospital capacity to handle Covid-19 patients
- **Safety**: Adequate PPE available for healthcare personnel, long-term care facilities, and first responders. This includes masks, gowns, and gloves
- **Tracing**: Ability to count, trace, and monitor COVID-19 cases and outbreaks within goals

Proceed between phases by assessment of key indicators every two weeks – first assessment on May 28

Criteria will be assessed every 7 days
- If all Gating Criteria are at least **yellow** after 14 days, move to next phase.
- If any Gating Criteria turns **red** during a Phase, continue to reassess every 7 days.
- In Phase 5, if Gating Criteria have changed to **yellow or red** during a phase, move back to Phase 4.

Continue to reassess every 7 days until widespread protections are available, i.e. vaccine.
# City of Milwaukee – Covid-19 Gating Criteria

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| **CASES** | Measure to describe transmission of the disease in the community | **Green:** Number of people with COVID-19 decreases for 14 days or the percent of tests that are positive are at or below 5% for 14 days.  
**Yellow:** No significant difference in test results  
**Red:** Number of people with COVID-19 increases over 14 days | ![x] |
| **TESTING** | Testing is important to make sure the spread of COVID-19 is not increasing | **Testing availability and results**  
(rolling average over last 7 days)  
**Green:** At least 2,400 tests per day OR less than 5% positive results for 5 days (ultimate goal)  
**Yellow:** 1,000-2,400 tests per day OR 5-10% positive tests for 5 days  
**Red:** Less than 1,000 tests per day AND less than 10% positive for 5 days | ![x] |
| **CARE** | Hospitals are important to COVID 19 treatment for patients. This measure makes sure there is enough room in hospitals and they are not in extreme operating conditions (called crisis care). | **Green:** 100% not in crisis care AND <10% of hospital patients are COVID+  
**Yellow:** 95-99% not in crisis care AND 10-20% of hospital patients are COVID+  
**Red:** <95% not in crisis care AND 20% of hospital patients are COVID+ | ![✓] |
| **SAFETY** | Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is important for safety of healthcare workers and for first responders interacting with residents who may be COVID-19 positive. Examples are face masks, gloves, gowns, and shields. | **Green:** At least 29 days of all PPE supply for majority of hospitals  
**Yellow:** 8-28 days of all PPE supply for majority of hospitals  
**Red:** 0-7 days of all PPE supply for all hospitals | ![✗] |
| **TRACING** | The ability of the City of Milwaukee Health Department to contact individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 | **Green:** 100% of positive cases  
**Yellow:** 50-99% of positive cases  
**Red:** <50% of positive cases | ![✗] |

**Green** = Excellent  
**Yellow** = Proceed with caution  
**Red** = Measure is concern

Note: Measures and thresholds may be modified as COVID 19 response evolves.