



SHERIFF DENITA R. BALL

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DATE: Thursday January 12, 2023
TO: Committee on Judiciary, Safety, and General Services
FROM: Director Joshua Briggs, Commander, Detention Services Bureau
RE: Monthly Report Regarding the Impact of COVID-19 on the Milwaukee County Jail

The Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) continues to respond proactively to the ongoing coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, and specifically the new and prevalent variants. Most of the proactive steps that were taken at the beginning of the pandemic to mitigate the impact of the virus and to protect staff members and the occupants of the facility remain in place. These mitigation strategies include enhanced cleaning protocols, regular employee and occupant testing schedules, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) usage, enhanced intake procedures, and rigorous isolation.

We have also been vigorously pursuing continued staff and occupant vaccinations. As of January 12, 2023, individuals detained in the jail facility, or 16%, were fully vaccinated. It should be noted that Wellpath, our contracted Medical Services vendor, has vaccinated 2,845 detainees and staff members at the jail. Due to the transient nature of our population, and vaccinated detainees being sent to other facilities, it is extremely challenging to keep this percentage high although we continue to educate and vaccinate all willing jail occupants.

Additionally, 91% of our staff members were fully vaccinated as of January 12, 2023. This is up considerably since the Milwaukee County COVID-19 vaccination mandate was implemented.

As of Thursday January 12, 2023, the following numbers were current within the Milwaukee County Jail:

- Persons in custody with confirmed cases of COVID-19 2
- Staff with confirmed cases of COVID-19 1
- Housing units on quarantine 0
- Total # of vaccines for occupants receiving incentive 923