

# Milwaukee County COVID-19 Response

Health Equity, Human Needs and Strategic Planning Committee

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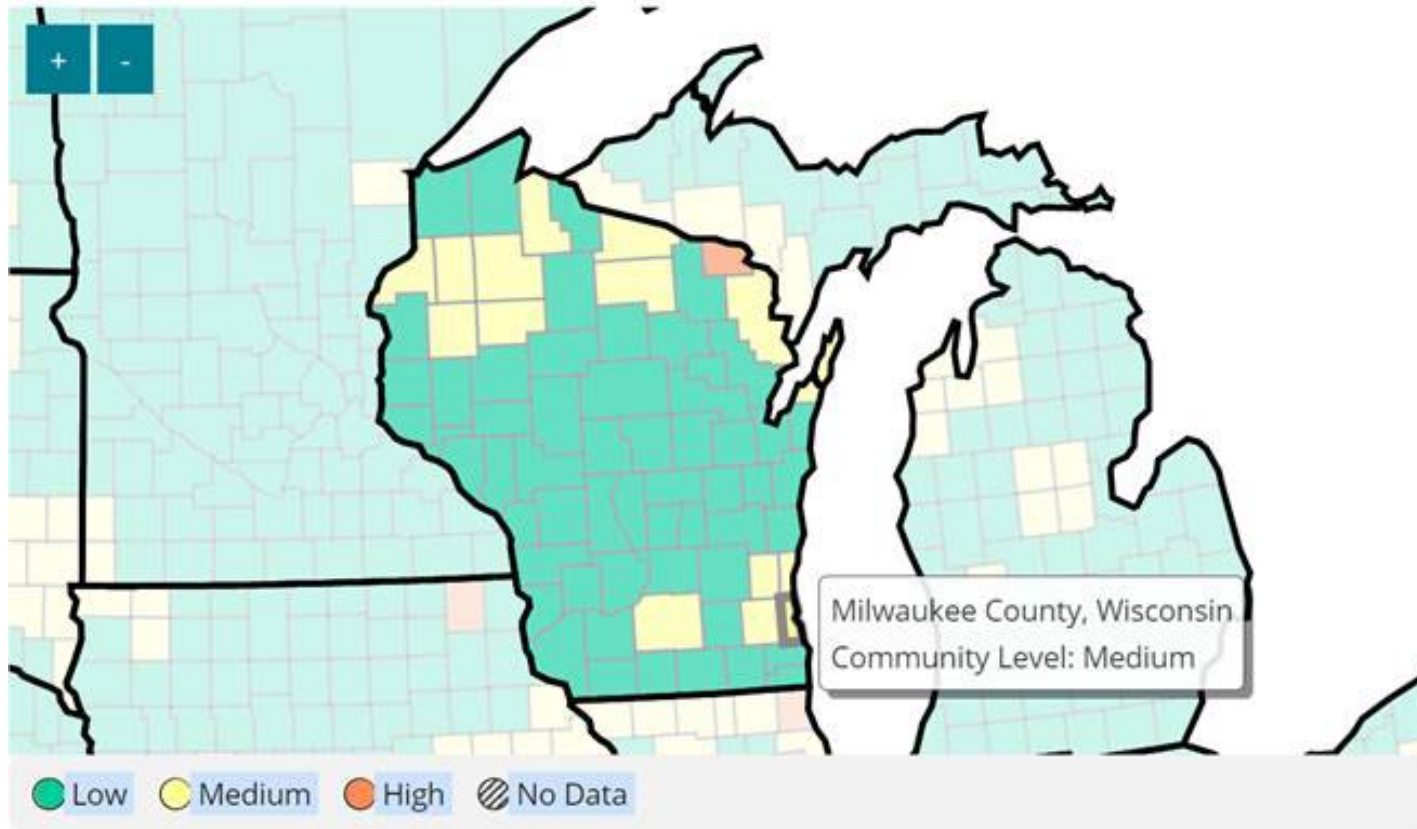


# Today's Presentation

- Current COVID-19 conditions in our community
- Recent COVID-19 mitigation steps
- Other actions that are in process
- Ongoing next steps



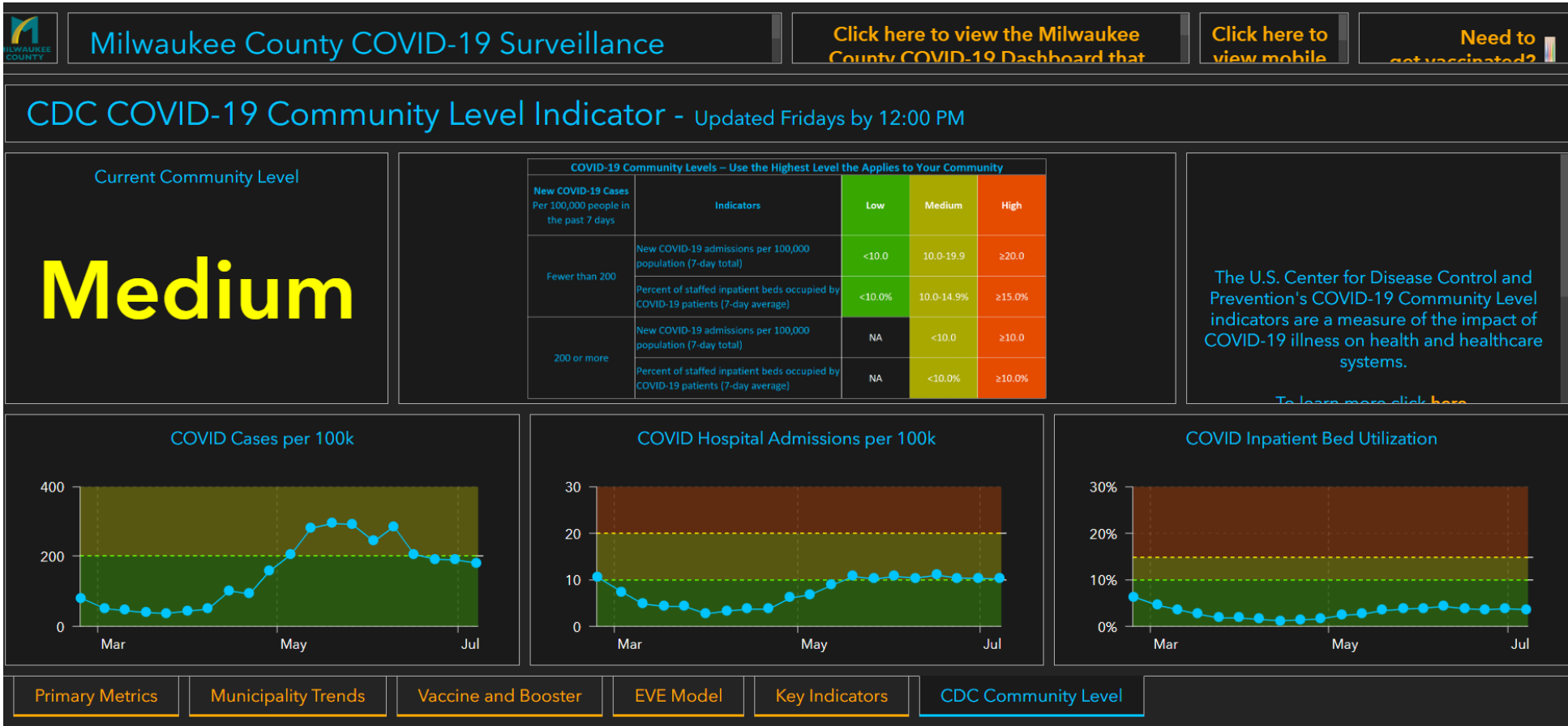
# CDC - COVID-19 Community Levels



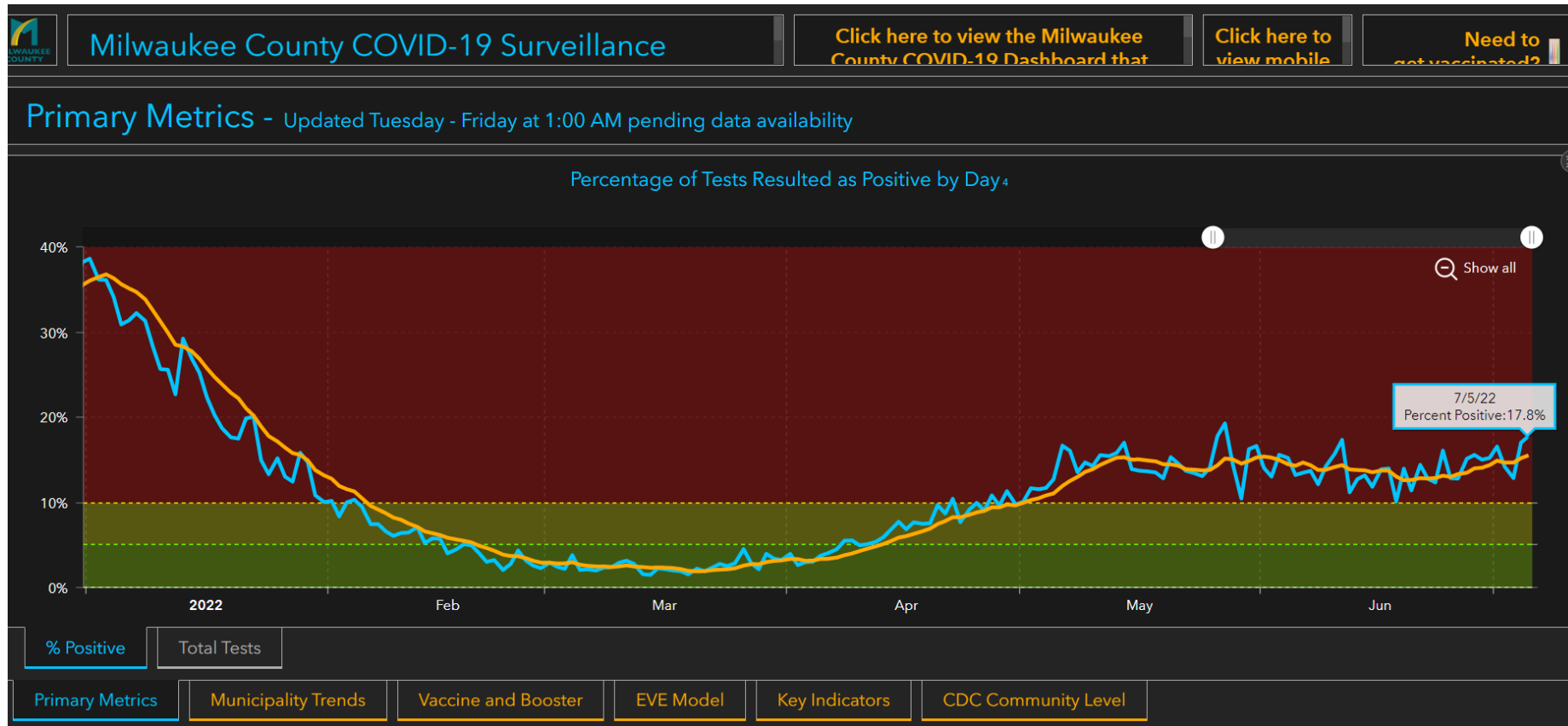
- New Admissions Rate = 10.2
- Hospital Capacity = 3.6%
- Case Rate = 181.2
  
- Milwaukee County is classified as “Medium” risk



# CDC - COVID-19 Community Level Trends



# Additional COVID-19 Data – Positivity Rate



# Recent Changes – Implemented June 24

Milwaukee County's CDC community risk level changed to "medium" on June 23 prompting the following changes:

- Updated masking guidelines to "medium"
  - Many non-public and some public areas returned to "no mask required"
- Updated capacity guidelines to "medium"
  - Stopped COVID screening survey for most employees
  - Telework remains an option for some employees
  - Limit unnecessary in-person indoor gatherings

*No changes to mitigation guidelines for High-Risk facilities*



# Building Employee Awareness

Reminded employees about the availability of free test kits through health insurance program

Information on current CDC risk levels in weekly newsletter

Article on the benefits of getting your children vaccinated



# Other Updates – BA.5 Variant

- BA.5 variant now accounts for approximately 54% of cases in the United States
- Most transmissible variant to date – Dr. Weston has indicated that its R value is likely to be  $> 18$
- Better at evading infection induced immunity and vaccine immunity
- Longer term impact is still unclear – hospitalizations are increasing

**Vaccines/boosters still protect against severe disease**





# Next Steps

- Continue to closely monitor Milwaukee County COVID-19 levels
- Take the appropriate action, in consultation with and under the advisement of Dr. Weston, Chief Health Policy Advisor
- Provide ongoing reporting and updates to the Board of Supervisors



Thank you!



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