



**SHERIFF EARNELL R. LUCAS**

**DATE:** Friday August 12, 2022  
**TO:** Committee on Judiciary, Safety, and General Services  
**FROM:** Inspector Aaron Dobson, 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. A majority 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 and quarantine protocols.

We have also been vigorously pursuing continued staff and occupant vaccinations. As of August 10, 201 out of 898 individuals detained in the jail facility, or 22%, were fully vaccinated. It should be noted that Wellpath, our contracted Medical Services vendor, has vaccinated 2,477 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 August 10<sup>th</sup>. This is up considerably due to the Milwaukee County COVID-19 vaccination mandate.

As of Friday, August 12, the following numbers were current within the Milwaukee County Jail:

- Persons in custody with confirmed cases of COVID-19 25
- Staff with confirmed cases of COVID-19 0
- Housing units on quarantine 2
- Total # of vaccines for occupants receiving incentive 625