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From the Office of the County Executive, requesting adoption of a framework for an ongoing COVID-19 response within the organization of Milwaukee County, by recommending **REJECTION** of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in March of 2020, the World Health Organization declared the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the County Executive declared a local public health emergency due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, through Administrative Orders based on the Declaration of Emergency (the Declaration), Milwaukee County (the County) has since then implemented numerous mitigation measures intended to slow the spread of COVID-19 and to protect employees, service users, and the general public; and

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, in adopted File No. 21-918, voted to terminate the Declaration, effective February 28, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the County’s COVID-19 pandemic management process has been to continue County operations for its residents, while keeping its staff and participants safe; and

WHEREAS, the County will continue developing and executing these policies in response to guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS); and

WHEREAS, recognizing that the COVID-19 pandemic is dynamic and will remain an ongoing challenge that requires an approach that can adapt with the changing nature of the virus; and

WHEREAS, science, public health expert guidance, and data continue to necessitate rapid changes in COVID-19 mitigation policies, notably seen in the latest surge in cases from the omicron variant; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Judiciary, Safety, and General Services, at its meeting of March 10, 2022, recommended **REJECTION** of File No. 22-419 (vote 4-0); now, therefore,

43 BE IT RESOLVED, Milwaukee County (the County) will move from using
 44 Administrative Orders based on an Emergency Declaration to a series of policies that
 45 reside within the Departments charged with implementation (to include, but not
 46 necessarily limited to, the Department of Human Resources, Facilities Management
 47 Division, Department of Administrative Services, and others); and

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 49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a step-wise framework for the Novel Coronavirus
 50 Disease (COVID-19) mitigation is hereby adopted as the policy of Milwaukee County, as
 51 outlined in the following chart:
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Policy Area	Low Activity	Medium Activity	High/Very High Activity	Critically High Activity <i>(Here as of 1/6)</i>
Telework	Departments are encouraged to follow long-term teleworking policies	Departments are encouraged to bring back some staff as needed	Staff who can telework encouraged to do so	Access to facilities for essential staff only
Masking	Masking for those with symptoms	At department discretion for vaccinated staff; masks mandatory for unvaccinated staff	Masking for all staff at all times when on-site and in public areas	Masking for all staff at all times when on-site and in public areas and outdoors when social distancing cannot be maintained
Facility Capacity	100 percent Capacity	100 percent Capacity	Decrease capacity as able given department discretion	Minimize capacity levels as able based on critical needs
Health Screening at Facilities	Self-screening for symptoms encouraged	Self-screening for symptoms encouraged	All staff entering facilities take online health screening	All staff entering facilities take online health screening
Cleaning Standards	Daily cleaning regimen	Daily cleaning regimen	Enhanced cleaning regimen in high volume spaces	Enhanced cleaning regimen in high volume spaces

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 56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the framework will consist of “Disease Activity
 57 Levels,” that range from Low to Critically High; and

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 59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, movement between levels of the framework will
 60 trigger primarily based on the State of Wisconsin’s Department of Health Services
 61 *Disease Activity Composite Measure*, while also taking into account subjective
 62 measures that cannot be accounted for in pure data, as indicated by the County’s Chief
 63 Health Policy Advisor, as these may include, but are not necessarily limited to, national
 64 and international disease trends, hospital capacity concerns, and the emergence of new
 65 variants of concern; and

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67 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to ensure alignment across mitigation policies, a
68 central workgroup will be established that will consist of the Chief Health Policy Advisor,
69 the Office of Corporation Counsel, the Office of the County Executive, and
70 Departmental representatives, as necessary; and

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72 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a member of this workgroup will be designated to
73 report to the appropriate standing committee of the Milwaukee County Board of
74 Supervisors on a monthly basis.

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