

Milwaukee County COVID-19 Response

Committee on Health Equity, Human Needs and Strategic Planning

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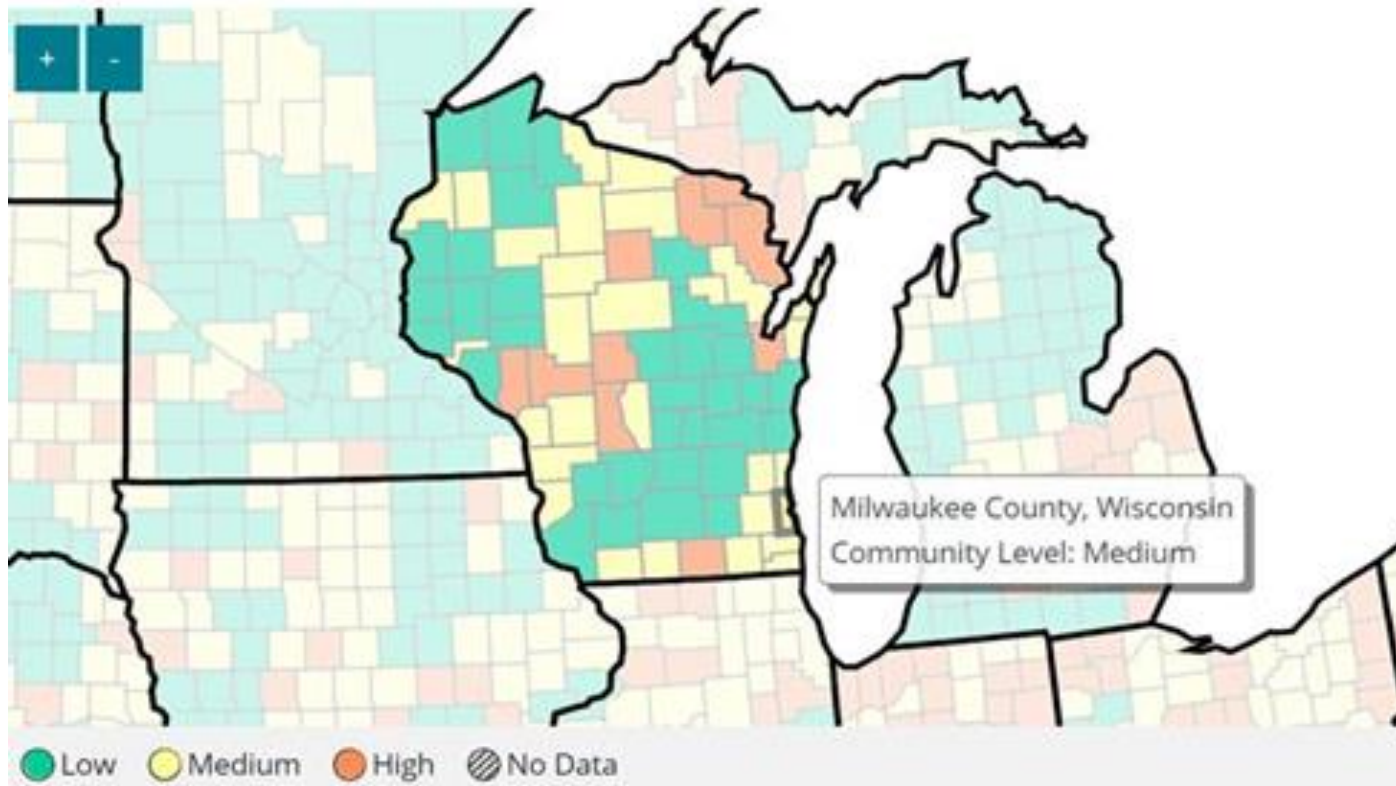


Today's Presentation

- 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 = 12.8
- Hospital Capacity = 3.8%
- Case Rate = 183.9
- Milwaukee County is classified as “Medium” risk

CDC - COVID-19 Community Level Trends

CDC COVID-19 Community Level Indicator - Updated Fridays by 12:00 PM

Current Community Level

Medium

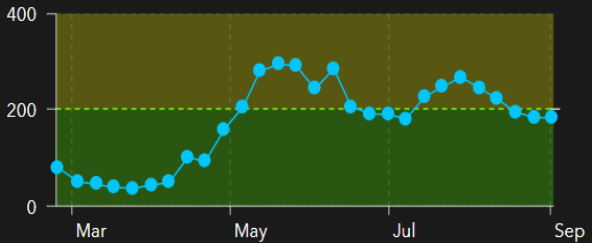
COVID-19 Community Levels – Use the Highest Level that Applies to Your Community

| New COVID-19 Cases Per 100,000 people in the past 7 days | Indicators | Low | Medium | High |
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| Fewer than 200 | New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total) | <10.0 | 10.0-19.9 | ≥20.0 |
| | Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7-day average) | <10.0% | 10.0-14.9% | ≥15.0% |
| 200 or more | New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total) | NA | <10.0 | ≥10.0 |
| | Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7-day average) | NA | <10.0% | ≥10.0% |

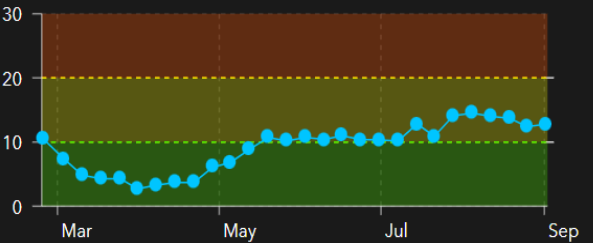
The U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention's COVID-19 Community Level indicators are a measure of the impact of COVID-19 illness on health and healthcare systems.

To learn more click [here](#)

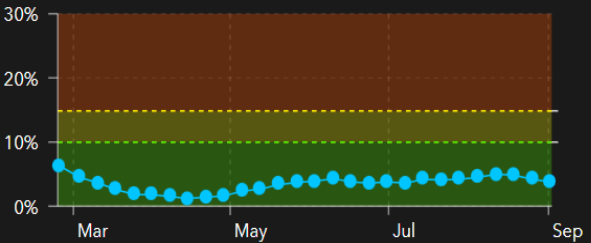
COVID Cases per 100k



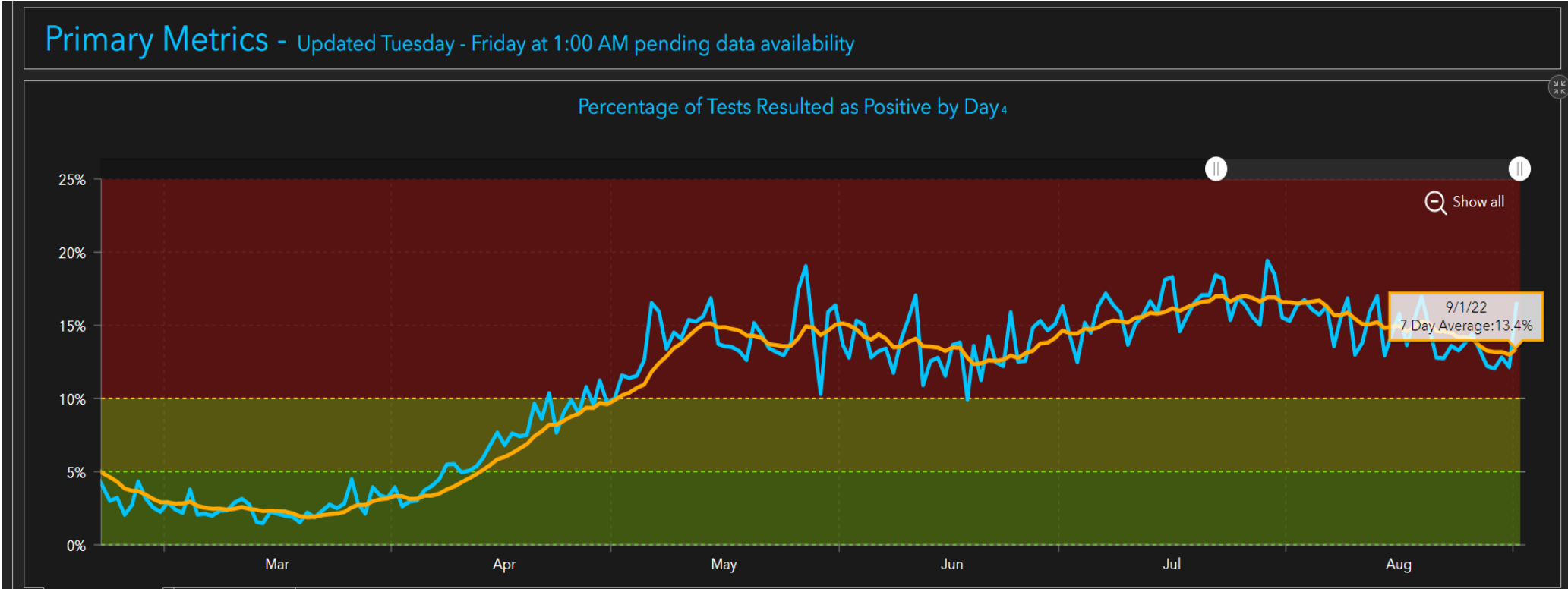
COVID Hospital Admissions per 100k



COVID Inpatient Bed Utilization



Additional COVID-19 Data – Positivity Rate



Recent Changes – Implemented August 19

Milwaukee County's CDC community risk level changed to "medium" on August 18 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"
 - Telework remains an option for some employees
 - Limit unnecessary in-person indoor gatherings

No changes to mitigation guidelines for High-Risk facilities



Launched COVID-19 Heroes



[COVID Heroes \(milwaukeecountywi.gov\)](https://milwaukeecountywi.gov)



Other Updates – CDC August 11 Update

- Continues to promote the importance of being up-to-date with vaccinations
- Updated exposure guidelines – no differentiation between vaccinated and unvaccinated
 - High quality mask for 10 days
 - Test on Day 5
- Isolation guidelines – testing positive
 - Isolate for 5 days
 - Fever free and symptoms improving – end isolation
 - Symptoms continue – isolate through day 10



Other Updates – CDC August 11 Update cont.

- Regardless of when isolation ends – avoid those most at risk at least through day 11
- Continue to emphasize the importance of high-quality masks
- Physical distancing is *one* component of protection – consider the risk level of the setting

Supporting documentation on the internet has been updated

- Exposure decision tree
- Positive test decision tree



Other Updates – Updated Booster Approval

- FDA approved an update to the COVID 19 vaccine on August 31
- CDC recommended for approval on September 1
- First update to COVID-19 mRNA vaccines since December 2020
- Bivalent vaccine – addresses original COVID strain and omicron variants
- Pfizer/BioNtech – available to everyone 12 and older
- Moderna – available to everyone 18 and older
- Working with Dr. Weston on an all-employee communication explaining the booster and encouraging employees to consider it



Other Updates – DHS COVID Testing Support

- Earlier this year the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) launched a COVID 19 Testing Support for Jails and Municipal Lockup Facilities program
- Program is funded through a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- The County applied to the program earlier this summer and on August 31 learned our application was accepted
- Help defray significant COVID testing expenses at the HOC and the Jail



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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