

# Milwaukee County COVID-19 Response

Committee on Health Equity, Human Needs and Strategic Planning

November 30, 2022



# Today's Presentation

- Current COVID-19 conditions in our community
- Recent COVID-19 mitigation steps
- Ongoing next steps

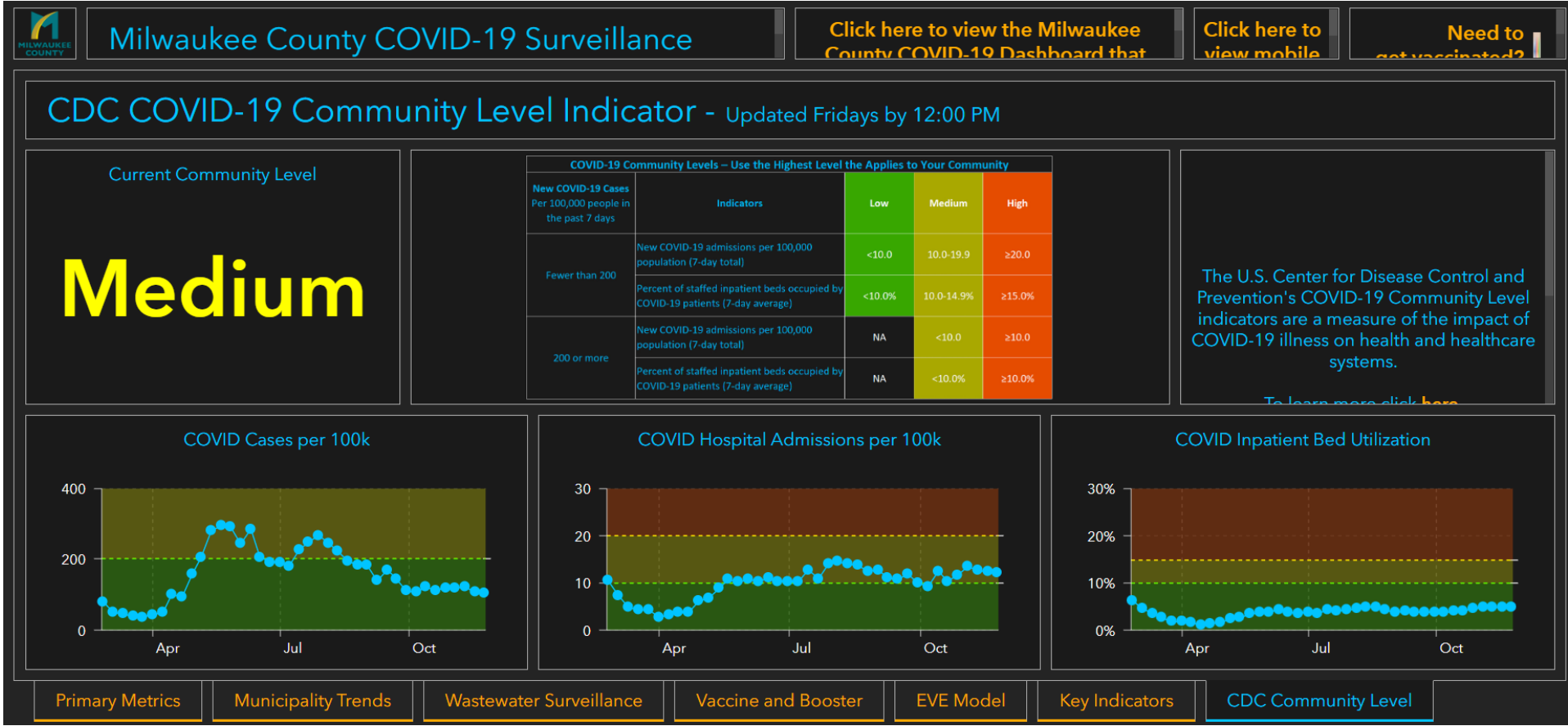


# CDC - COVID-19 Community Levels – 11/25/22

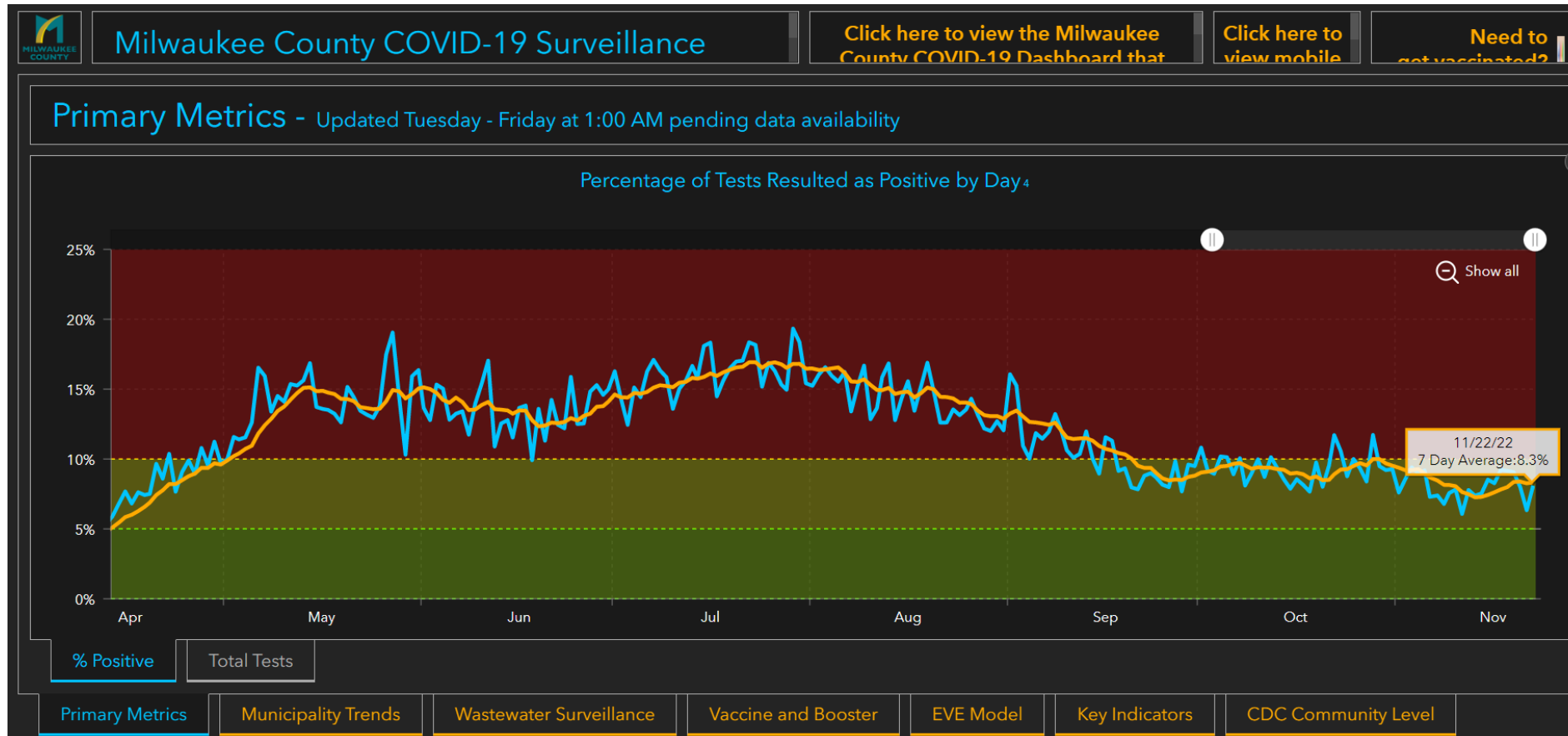


- New Admissions Rate = 12.1
- Hospital Capacity = 4.8%
- Case Rate = 104.4
- Milwaukee County is classified as “Medium” risk

# CDC - COVID-19 Community Level Trends



# Additional COVID-19 Data – Positivity Rate



# Additional COVID-19 Data – Wastewater

## COVID-19 Wastewater Surveillance

Data are currently refreshed Wednesdays by 1:30pm

Without case rate data

With case rate data

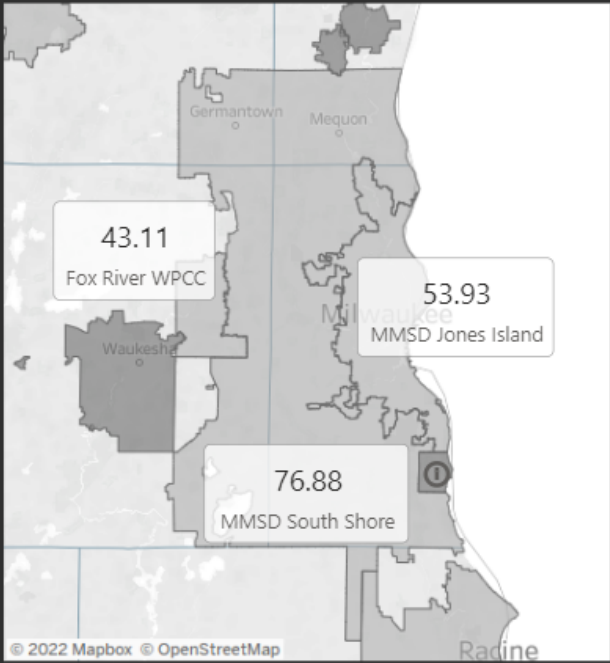
5/1/2022

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Data Notes



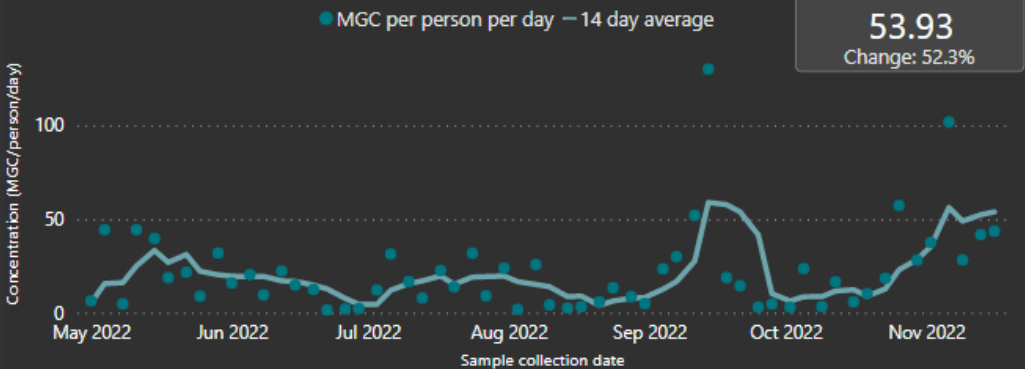
Wastewater concentration of SARS-CoV-2 by sewershed



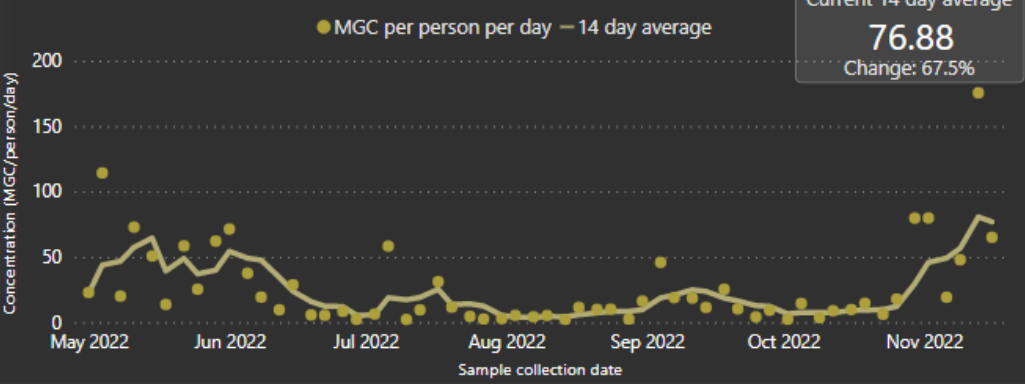
**Acronyms**  
 MGC = million gene copies  
 MSD = Metropolitan Sewerage District  
 WPCC = Water Pollution Control Center

**Data Note**  
 Because each community is different, comparing the number of gene copies between communities is not recommended.

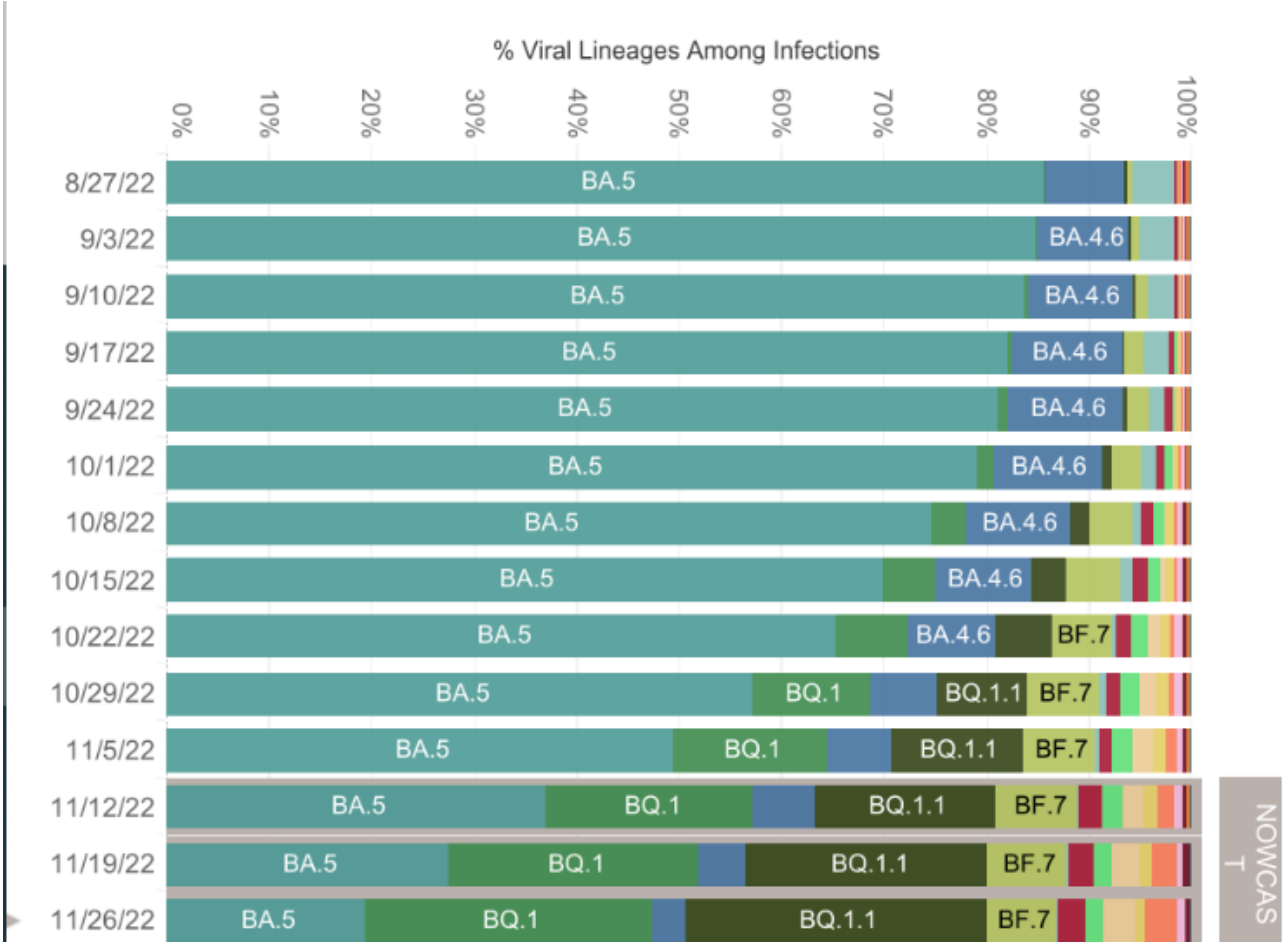
SARS-CoV-2 concentration in Milwaukee MSD Jones Island sewershed



SARS-CoV-2 Concentration in Milwaukee MSD South Shore sewershed



# Additional COVID-19 Data – Variants



- Variants of Omicron
- BQ.1 and BQ.1.1 are now dominant



# Recent Changes – Implemented October

Milwaukee County's CDC community risk level changed to "medium" on October 13 prompting the following changes:

- Updated masking guidelines to "medium"
  - Some public areas of County facilities returned to "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*





# Other Updates

- Developed and communicated updated attendance accountability guidelines - ensures employees absent due to COVID-19 illness are not unduly penalized
- Posted Dr. Weston videos encouraging booster vaccinations to County Connect
- COVID-19 Heroes Program
  - 25 submissions representing 15 departments
  - Mix of individual and group recognitions
- Continued DHS financial support of resident testing at CRC and CJF



# 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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