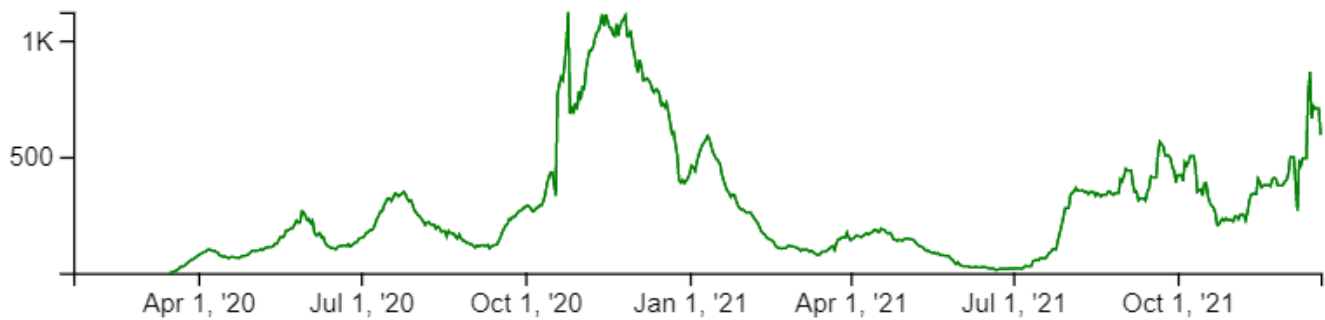


Milwaukee County Daily Cases, 7-Day Average Case Count, January 2020 - Present



As you can see in the graph above, COVID-19 virus activity in Milwaukee County is at its highest level since the months just prior to widespread vaccination. While vaccination – and booster shots – have certainly reduced hospitalizations and deaths, the risk of catching and passing on the virus is currently very high. Now is the time to exercise every caution.

In the past five days, three additional employees and one Towers resident have tested positive for COVID-19. None of the cases appear to be related. All are experiencing mild symptoms – and all were fully vaccinated and boosted. Fortunately, none of the four individuals had widespread contact with others on campus and the additional testing we have completed with those potentially affected has revealed no spread of the virus. We are grateful, but our gratitude must not produce a false sense of security.

Effective immediately, we are requiring all residents and all employees to always wear face masks in the common spaces of our campus. In addition to our corridors, elevators, dining venues, meeting rooms, this also now includes the fitness center and therapy gym, and during all LifeStreams events. Face masks may only be removed when actively eating or drinking. As face masks cannot be worn in the swimming pool, we are canceling all aquatic classes. Pool use by individuals is still permissible.

We are making no additional changes to campus life or visitor restrictions at this time. Please know, should we discover evidence of virus transmission within our campus, sweeping changes must be made and will likely arrive without advance notice.

As a reminder, all visits must occur only in resident apartments or in outdoor spaces. Visitors and guests may not accompany residents to events or use indoor common areas. Visitors may not partake in in-person dining in Taylor's, the Bistro, or the Care Neighborhood dining rooms. Please note visitors may pick up to-go meals from the Bistro; the restriction only applies to in-person dining. All visitors to Saint John's must be always masked and observe proper social distancing. We are discouraging residents from having large groups of outside guests visiting in their apartments.

Questions?

The weekly COVID Updates are produced by Saint John's COVID Response Team. If you have a question for the team, please contact Matt Loyd, COO, at (414) 831 – 6953 or mloyd@saintjohnsmilw.org.