COVID Transmission Risk increasing in Milwaukee

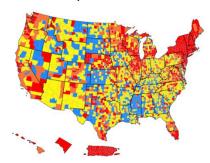
The CDC publishes two risk tracking metrics. <u>COVID-19 Community Levels</u> can be used for the general public to determine the risk of everyday activities. Milwaukee is currently (and has been for a few weeks now) in the LOW category. In contrast, <u>Community Transmission Levels</u> guide health care facilities' efforts to mitigate virus activity and treat infections. Milwaukee's Community Transmission Levels have risen steadily.

These two metrics often appear in stark contrast! Again, one is used by the general public and the other is designed to guide health care facilities – two very different standards. These standards are best illustrated in these *very* different graphics:

COVID-19 Community Levels



Community Transmission Levels



As a result, we are required to re-start surveillance testing among employees who serve in the Care Neighborhoods. This is purely a precautionary measure, designed to detect potential virus activity that might otherwise go unnoticed.

No Changes to Mask Guidelines

Residents are strongly encouraged to wear masks when moving throughout the campus in corridors, elevators, and common spaces. Masks are optional inside events and gatherings. Employees will always wear masks when interacting with residents. Guests will always wear masks in all common areas of campus.

One COVID Positive Case Reported

On Monday, one employee developed mild symptoms and has subsequently tested positive for COVID. The employee did not have significant contact with any resident. The individual is recovering in isolation. This case did not cause us to change any current campus infection control protocols. This brings April's total to three cases: two employees and one resident.

Saint John's COVID Case Update

| | | March 2020 - March 2022 | | New cases April 2022 | | Total Cases as of 4/27/2022 | | Vaccination Status |
|------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| | | Cases | Fatalities | Cases | Fatalities | Cases | Fatalities | Status |
| Residents: | Towers | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 0 | |
| | Canterbury | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | |
| | Stratford | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | Windsor | 12 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 13 | 3 | |
| | Total | 34 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 35 | 4 | 99.2% |
| Employees: | | 105 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 107 | 0 | 100.0% |

Questions?

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