

Milwaukee reaches “High” level of Community Transmission; Masking Advised

Yesterday, the Milwaukee Health Department issued a mask advisory for the city of Milwaukee. All individuals, regardless of vaccination status or past COVID-19 infection, should wear a mask at all times when indoors and in a public setting. This advisory applies to all individuals in Milwaukee over the age of two years who can medically tolerate wearing a mask.

This does not represent a change to our current COVID precautions. Our guidelines remain the same:

- In-person dining is permitted in Taylor’s and the Bistro. Carry out food is still available if you prefer.
- Guests are permitted in all dining venues, as well as to attend LifeStreams programming.
- **Residents should always wear masks when outside your apartments, especially in elevators.**
- Guests and visitors should always wear face masks when in any common or public area.
- Employees will always wear face masks when interacting with residents or when in group meetings.

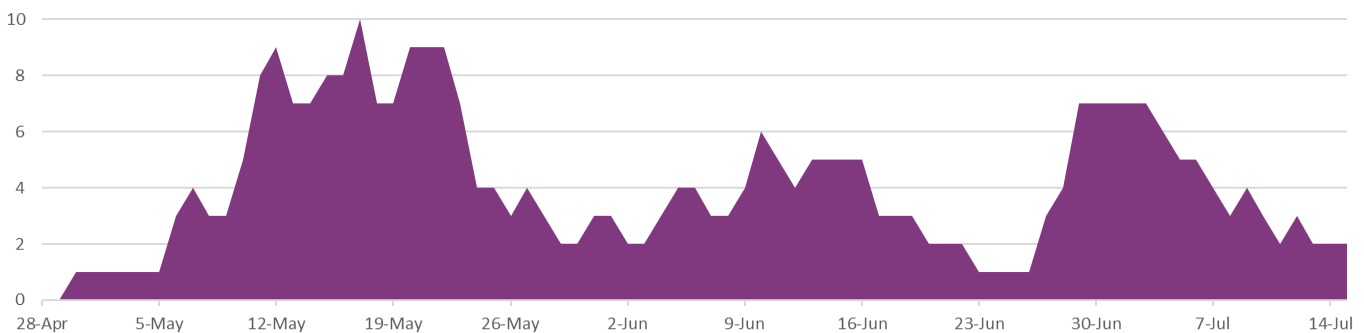
Please remain vigilant about your own precautions. Clearly, the Omicron BA.5 Variant is highly transmissible and prevalent in Milwaukee. **Your risk of exposure is high.** While we can all be thankful the risk of severe illness or death is lessened, we should not become inattentive to basic safety measures like appropriate mask use, distancing when possible, and consistent handwashing.

Successful Vaccination Clinic Held June 22

More than 140 individuals received a booster vaccination at the clinic held last month! We continue to follow all vaccination news and recommendations clearly. If additional boosters are recommended, Saint John’s could host an additional clinic in October. We continue to follow developments very closely.

Saint John’s Statistics

In addition to our standard statistics, below, we wanted to illustrate the impact of recent infections by showing how many residents, per day, have been quarantined because of symptoms or a positive test. In total since May 1, there have been 43 cases amongst residents – about half of all cases since the start of the pandemic. At the peak, in mid-May, ten residents were affected at the same time. There was a secondary cluster around the July 4 holiday which affected up to seven residents. At present, only two residents are in quarantine. Among the 43, there have been zero hospitalizations or deaths related to COVID.



		March 2020 - June 2022		New cases July 2022		Total Cases as of 7/15/2022	
		Cases	Fatalities	Cases	Fatalities	Cases	Fatalities
Residents:	Towers	73	0	4	0	77	0
	Canterbury	2	1	1	0	3	1
	Stratford	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Windsor	13	3	0	0	13	3
	Total	88	4	5	0	93	4
Employees:		132	0	5	0	137	0