

Good afternoon,

**So much has happened in the past week, that I thought I might use this platform to summarize some of the highlights:**

- We are in Phase 4.5 of the Covid Response Operations Plan. We updated it yesterday for **Library Visitor rules**. See [Phase 4.5 as Updated 10.21.2021](#) attached.
- Monday mornings, President's Council has a standing agenda item to review Covid data from the prior week. See [Local Transmission Data Review](#) – 10.22.21 attached.
- The tipping point for rolling our Phases backward is based on a multiplicity of factors, one of which includes a Milwaukee County positivity rate of 10%. **Per the CDC, the Milwaukee County positivity rate as of today October 26, 2021 is 6.45%.**
- Our community vaccination rate is 82%, higher than the minimum 80% herd immunity rate (see [WebMD article](#) ). Our community is defined as Administrators, Faculty, Staff, Seminarians, SCJ Monastery and Sodexo – primarily those who spend the most time on our campus on a daily basis.

**DHS Covid-19 Update newsletter highlights:**

- Know the facts, CDC 10/21/2021 Booster Shot Recommendation for certain populations – to see article, [click here](#).
  - *For the nearly 15 million people who got the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine, booster shots are also recommended for those who are 18 and older and who were vaccinated two or more months ago.*
  - *There are now booster recommendations for all three available COVID-19 vaccines in the United States. Eligible individuals may choose which vaccine they receive as a booster dose. Some people may have a preference for the vaccine type that they originally received, and others may prefer to get a different booster. **CDC's recommendations now allow for this type of mix and match dosing for booster shots.***
- How do Covid-19 Vaccines get authorized? [*this about EU or Emergency Use authorization, not 'how vaccines are approved by fda' article*]
- And more...

**Other articles that may be of interest to you**

- CDC: [Covid-19 Vaccines While Pregnant or Breastfeeding](#), Updated October 19, 2021
- [DHS Supports CDC Recommendation to expand eligibility for COVID-19 booster shots](#), October 22, 2021

**As we move through changes to our COVID-19 safety protocols, please continue to practice humility and kindness:**

- *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. **2 Corinthians 1:3-4***
- *Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it's thinking of yourself less. **C.S. Lewis***
- *Hillel said: "My humility is my greatness, and my greatness is my humility" **-(Lev. R. i. )***

**And my personal favorite 😊:**

*Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid. -Albert Einstein*

**Have a happy Tuesday, everyone!**