

# Milwaukee Ald. Dimitrijevic: Introduces plan to combat the spread of the Omicron variant in Milwaukee

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***Plan would provide free at-home COVID-19 tests to all who want them and a \$100 incentive to get boosted***

Milwaukee **Alderman Marina Dimitrijevic** has introduced a plan to slow the spread of the omicron COVID-19 variant in Milwaukee by providing free and accessible COVID-19 tests to any Milwaukee resident and providing a \$100 incentive for any Milwaukee resident who gets the vaccine or their booster.

“The rapid spread of COVID-19 in Milwaukee County, driven largely by the new omicron variant, is deeply concerning. But thankfully, we now have the tools we need to combat this virus and keep schools and businesses open,” said Alderman Dimitrijevic, chair of the Public Safety and Health Committee. “Under my plan, Milwaukee residents will have the ability to pick up free, at-home COVID-19 tests at public libraries throughout the city. I will also be introducing legislation to restart Milwaukee’s \$100 incentive system for anyone who gets vaccinated, and expanding that incentive to include booster shots. Slowing this latest wave of COVID-19 is not just a moral imperative, it’s a racial justice issue, as COVID-19 has continued to disproportionately impact Milwaukee’s Black and Brown communities. For the vaccinated and boosted, this rise in cases will require vigilance but with proper testing and masks should not require a full disruption of daily life. For the unvaccinated, COVID-19 remains a mortal threat. We must do all we can to get all Milwaukee residents vaccinated and boosted.”