**Talking Points: COVID Briefing**

Thursday, July 8

* At Milwaukee County, our vision is to be the healthiest County in Wisconsin.
* As I’ve said many times, right now the best path forward for the health of our county is for as many of our community members to be vaccinated as possible, as soon as possible.
* I believe that Milwaukee County employees can and should set the example.
* We have seen great vaccination rates among employees – but we know we can do better.
* That is why, today, we are excited to announce Vaccin8, a new COVID-19 Vaccine Recognition Program for Milwaukee County employees.
* Through Vaccin8, fully vaccinated employees will receive up to eight additional hours of paid time off.
* It is our hope that through Vaccin8 we will both recognize and celebrate employees who have already made the decision to be vaccinated, as well as encourage those who have not yet been vaccinated to do their part to protect themselves, their colleagues and the community.