

# Health & Wellness MTF Draft Recommendations List

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1. Address the major impacts COVID-19 has had on the black and brown community
  - Ensure that the vaccine is equitably and evenly distributed by all parties involved, including Health Department
    - Ensure that Black and brown communities, who are at a higher risk, are prioritized fairly
    - Enforcing a complete outreach campaign sharing information about prevention post-vaccine
    - Ensure that COVID-19 resources are evenly distributed
2. Recommend a council sponsored report addressing inequitable access to neighborhood amenities/access points.
  - a. From this, the City of Milwaukee should create benchmarks for each district, ensuring that all neighborhoods have equitable access to nature, pharmacies, grocery stores, etc.
    - how far away are residents from: nature, pharmacies, grocery stores, etc
3. Increase funding to the Office of Violence Prevention (OVP)
  - a. Council members should annually review and advocate for the Goals and Strategies contained in the Blueprint for Peace through policies and investments.
  - b. Pursue equitable funding of violence prevention in contrast to the Milwaukee Police Department budget. Current tax levy funding of the Office of Violence Prevention is currently at a ratio of 1 : 350. This ration should be cut to 1 : 70 by 2025 through increased public investment in violence prevention programming
  - c. The Common Council should ensure that its state and federal lobbying priorities include the advancement of violence prevention polices and investment.
  - d. Investment and engagement by the city in the prevention of domestic and intimate partner violence should be enhanced by ensuring that victims are treated with dignity and their rights are protected.
  - e. Every effort should be made to prevent and eliminate death and injury caused by police violence. Millennials led protests in Milwaukee and throughout the country calling for greater police accountability and reimagining public safety. The city needs to ensure policies are put in place to ensure that harm is reduced. Tax dollars paid in settlements would be better spent on public health and violence prevention.
  - f. Gun Violence is the leading cause of death of young Black and Latino men in Milwaukee between the ages of 16-34 and the leading cause of death of US children and teens. This is a public health crisis of extreme concern to millennials and generations of young people to follow. Gun violence prevention must be a top priority for Milwaukee's Mayor and Common Council.
4. Create free mental health introductory consultation for Milwaukee residents
  - a. Mental health is under resourced and understood in the City of Milwaukee. Efforts should be made to allow all City residents to have access to mental health resources. We recommend this includes introductory consultations or counseling services.
  - b. This should be paired with a complete marketing campaign so that residents are aware of services and are easily accessible