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UPDATE ON NORTH SHORE CRYPTO CASES 2 New Confirmed Cases

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As of today, October 4, 2013, the North Shore Health Department has two new *Cryptosporidium* (Crypto) cases, bringing the total to 17 confirmed cases. We will continue to report confirmed cases. There are additional individuals who have recently submitted stool samples, for which we are awaiting results. We do expect to see an increase in the number of Crypto cases as a result of person-to-person contact. We are strongly encouraging people to be tested who have diarrhea.

The North Shore Health Department is focusing on preventing the spread of Crypto. Since many of the cases have been spread person-to-person, it is extremely important to thoroughly wash your hands, especially after using the toilet or changing a diaper. Anyone who has experienced any diarrhea should not swim for a minimum of 14 days after their last episode of diarrhea, to help prevent the spread of Crypto. Each time an infected person swims in a pool, the pool must be closed and treated. We are working closely with local pools, schools, and daycares to prevent the spread of the parasite.

If you are sick with diarrhea and are concerned that you may have Crypto, please call your doctor or your local health department. Please stay home until symptoms subside.

It has been confirmed by the North Shore Water Commission and Treatment Plant that the water supply remains safe to drink.

We are grateful to the City of Milwaukee Health Department and Lab for assisting us with testing.

The North Shore Health Department will provide updates, as new information is available.

For more information about Crypto, please visit: <http://www.cdc.gov/parasites/crypto/>

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