



April 6th, 2020 Update on COVID-19 (as of 4:30 pm)

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (WI DHS) and the North Shore Health Department (NSHD), along with other local health departments are responding to an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus, COVID-19. For the most current information, visit the [CDC's website](#) or our [website](#).

As the North Shore Health Department, we are currently monitoring 40 active cases, and we are also providing active monitoring for high-risk contacts of confirmed cases with daily phone calls. We have triaged and processed many suspect cases and/or contacts, and performed several large contact investigations, which involves notifying the contacts of their potential risk and educating them on self-quarantine guidelines. We are also managing several active cases in Milwaukee to assist the Milwaukee Health Department.

The CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings, especially in areas with significant community spread:

When you are outside the home conducting essential activities such as going to work, to the grocery store or outside for a walk, it is recommended you wear cloth face coverings to help reduce transmission of COVID-19. The cloth face coverings are intended to stop infectious particles from entering the air when someone speaks, coughs or sneezes. You should still practice physical distancing, if possible, and frequent hand washing while using the cloth face coverings. Surgical masks and respirators should NOT be used by the public. These are needed for health care workers.

Some tips from WI DHS on cloth face coverings:

- Before putting on a cloth mask, clean your hands with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Make sure your mask covers your mouth and nose with no gaps between your face and the mask.
- Do not touch your mask while wearing it; if you do, clean your hands with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Replace the mask with a new one as soon as it is damp.
- Always wear your cloth reusable mask with the same side facing outwards.



For more information on cloth face coverings and tips on making your own: [DHS](#) and [CDC](#)

COVID-19 Cases to Date
<p>North Shore (includes Bayside, Brown Deer, Fox Point, Glendale, River Hills, Shorewood, Whitefish Bay - as of April 6th, 2020)</p> <p>70 Cumulative Confirmed Cases</p> <p>40 active cases being managed and monitored</p> <p>26 cases resolved - people have recovered and been removed from isolation by NSHD</p> <p>3 deaths</p> <p>1 transfer out of state</p>
<p>Milwaukee County (as of April 6th, 2020)</p> <p>1,256 Cumulative Confirmed Cases</p> <p>40 Deaths</p>
<p>Wisconsin (as of April 6th, 2020)</p> <p>2,440 Cumulative Confirmed Cases</p> <p>26,574 People with Negative Results</p> <p>77 deaths</p>

The NSHD has ordered the closure of public beaches throughout the North Shore: This order is effective as of April 3rd, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. and will be in effect for the period of time concurrent with any Order of the State of Wisconsin requiring “safer at home” practices. This is to slow the spread of the virus and preserve the health of our community.

The WI DHS reminds Wisconsin residents that *everyone* is safer at home: Community spread of COVID-19 is occurring in many counties across Wisconsin, meaning *everyone* could be at risk of exposure. It is recommended that you limit outings to the essentials, such as getting groceries or going to medical appointments, and maintain a physical distance of 6 feet from others while out. Also, you should avoid social gatherings of any kind with all ages and continue to wash your hands often. The best method to [avoid illness](#) and stop the spread is to [stay home](#) to decrease the opportunities for transmission of the virus. Even if you do not feel sick, staying home is crucial. **You do not have permission to leave your home unnecessarily just because you are feeling okay.** Our healthcare system needs everyone’s assistance in slowing the spread to protect the health of all Wisconsin residents.



A common question about the Safer at Home order: Can I go outside for walks, outdoor exercise, or to play? According to the order, you may engage in outdoor activities that meet social distancing requirements, including traveling to public and state parks. We ask that you **move through the parks** for walking, running and biking – **don't stay and play!** No team or contact sports are permitted and playgrounds are closed.

This is a rapidly evolving situation and we encourage you to frequently monitor the [DHS website for updates](#), as well as the [NSHD website](#). Additional information on COVID-19 can be found on the [CDC website](#).