



North Shore Health Department Public Briefing

October 20th, 2020 as of 4:30 p.m.

Halloween Gatherings are NOT Recommended

With Halloween approaching, we remind everyone that large gatherings and close contact with people outside of your household increases the risk of COVID-19 transmission. The North Shore is experiencing high levels of community spread and it is important to avoid gatherings that could further increase the burden of disease in our communities and increase the demand on our hospital systems.

We recommend that the following types of events are avoided this Halloween:

- Large outdoor gatherings such as parties, festivals, and parades. Even though being outside decreases the risk, being in close contact with people you don't live with increases the risk of spreading and contracting COVID-19.
- In-person indoor parties and celebrations. In-person costume contests and parties are not recommended, no matter where they might be held.
- Happy hours or socializing at bars. We've learned that going out to the bars helps the virus spread quickly.
- Traditional trick-or-treating from neighbor to neighbor. Going house-to-house and having in-person contact is not recommended. If your community is still having a trick-or-treat event, this [guidance](#) from the North Shore Health Department should be followed.

Alternative Halloween Ideas

- Virtual costume parties or contests
- At home celebrations or activities with just household members
- Drive-thru haunted houses

Things to Avoid

- Haunted Houses
- Large gatherings, like festivals or parties
- In person indoor gatherings
- Happy hours or socializing at bars
- Sharing items or trading candy

COVID-19 Cases to Date

North Shore (Bayside, Brown Deer, Fox Point, Glendale, River Hills, Shorewood & Whitefish Bay) - as of October 20th Changes from 10/19. This data is also available on our [website](#).

1,486 Cumulative Confirmed Cases* (+28)

**Confirmed with PCR test.*

208 active cases (-5)

1,257 recovered cases (+32)

21 deaths (+1)

33 Antigen Positives**

***Positive with rapid-antigen test.*

12 active antigen positives

21 recovered cases

Cumulative Confirmed Cases by Community

Bayside	93
Brown Deer	348
Fox Point	135
Glendale	370
River Hills	31
Shorewood	257
Whitefish Bay	252

The antigen positives may be confirmed with a PCR test – if the PCR test is positive, they are added to the confirmed cases. If the PCR test is negative, they are no longer considered antigen positive.

Milwaukee County (as of October 20th)

36,059 Cumulative Confirmed Cases

299,961 negatives

557 deaths

Wisconsin (as of October 20th – changes reported by WI DHS)

178,482 Cumulative Confirmed Cases (+4,591)

37,358 active cases

1,712,883 negatives (+9,070)

1,633 deaths (+33)

9,537 ever hospitalized (+218) Percent ever hospitalized = 5.3%

More Wisconsin COVID-19 data: [Click Here](#)

Things to Remember

Stay local - do not travel to other communities for trick-or-treating

Stay home if you have symptoms of COVID-19

Practice physical distancing inside and outside

Wear a face covering

Dress appropriately for the weather



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