

COVID 19: March 23rd, 2020 UPDATE
(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 on the COVID-19, please visit the [CDC's website on COVID-19](#) or www.nshealthdept.org.

COVID-19 Cases in Wisconsin: As of March 23rd, 2020, Wisconsin has 416 confirmed cases of COVID-19, with 204 being in Milwaukee County. The number of cases by county can be found here: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/outbreaks/index.htm>. NSHD is monitoring 16 current cases and four cases have recovered.

There is evidence of community spread in Milwaukee, Brown, Columbia, Dane, Fond du Lac, Kenosha, Walworth and Waukesha counties. This means that there are people who have tested positive, and it is unknown what their exposures have been. They have had no exposures to a known case and have not traveled to a location where there is community transmission. The most effective measure to prevent further spread is to stay home, especially if you are ill. If you think you may have exposed or are ill and have an underlying health condition or need medical care, contact your healthcare provider.

Governor Evers to issue “Safer at Home” order on Tuesday, March 24th: Governor Evers notified the residents of Wisconsin of a new “Safer at Home” order that will be officially released Tuesday, March 24th and will go into effect at 12:01am on Wednesday, March 25th. This order will close all non-essential businesses throughout the state in an effort to minimize social contact and stop the spread of COVID-19.

“People across our state are still out and about unnecessarily...putting our friends, our neighbors, and our communities at risk,” Evers said. “Please [#StayHome](#) and help us save lives. We also need folks to limit their interactions to the same people, not different small groups. Shrinking your circle of interactions will help prevent the spread of COVID-19.”

More information will be provided tomorrow (Tuesday, March 24th) when the official order is released. At this time, the April 7th election will still occur as planned. Governor Evers urges everyone to request an absentee ballot, which can be done online at <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/>.

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