

COVID 19: March 27th, 2020 UPDATE
(as of 4:00 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](https://www.cdc.gov/covid19/) or www.nshealthdept.org.

The first case in the North Shore was confirmed on March 13th, 2020. There is now evidence of community spread in the North Shore and throughout much of Wisconsin. As the North Shore Health Department, we are currently monitoring 23 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 354 suspect cases and/or contacts, and performed several large contact investigations, which involves notifying the contacts of their potential risk and educating them on quarantine guidelines set by the CDC and WI DHS. We are also managing six active cases in Milwaukee to assist the Milwaukee Health Department.

If you have questions about COVID-19 over the weekend, please call 211. You can also text COVID-19 to 211-211 or visit: [link](#). If an emergency arises, call 911. Always notify them over the phone if you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 so first responders are prepared when they arrive.

If you have any Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) that you would like to donate to our frontline workers, follow this link: www.covid19supplies.wi.gov/Donations. The WI DHS has set up a PPE Donation/Buyback Program to get important safety items to our health care workers and first responders.

COVID-19 Cases to Date
<p>North Shore (includes Bayside, Brown Deer, Fox Point, Glendale, River Hills, Shorewood, Whitefish Bay - as of March 27th, 2020)</p> <p>33 Cumulative Confirmed Cases</p> <p>23 active cases being managed and monitored</p> <p>9 cases resolved because people have recovered and been removed from isolation by NSHD</p> <p>1 unable to be located (multiple agency alerts out)</p>
<p>Milwaukee County (as of March 27th, 2020)</p> <p>411 Cumulative Confirmed Cases</p> <p>6 Deaths</p>
<p>Wisconsin (as of March 27th, 2020)</p> <p>842 Cumulative Confirmed Cases</p> <p>13 deaths</p>



The Safer at Home order (Executive Order #12) went into effect as of Wednesday March 25th, at 8 am and will remain in effect until 8 am on Friday, April 24th, or until a superseding order is issued. Governor Tony Evers directed the Department of Health Services (DHS) Secretary-designee Andrea Palm to issue the Safer at Home order, which prohibits all nonessential travel and closes non-essential businesses across Wisconsin. The order is available [here](#) and the press release can be found [here](#). A Safer at Home FAQ was released for clarification of the order and is available [here](#). The press release includes a condensed list of businesses that are considered essential, and order includes the full list with exemptions. Governor Evers stresses the importance of staying home to flatten the curve and minimize the burden on the healthcare system. Many people who have the virus display no signs or symptoms and unknowingly spread it to others. This Safer at Home order is necessary to prevent transmission of the virus by these people who appear healthy.

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT of HEALTH SERVICES

#SaferAtHome

Just STAY Home

DO Cancel nonessential medical appointments.	DON'T Leave home if you're sick. Call your provider ahead of time before seeking any treatment.
DO Clean and disinfect commonly used surfaces and objects.	DON'T Leave home unless it's necessary. Always practice social distancing if it is essential that you leave.
DO Wash your hands often for at least 20 seconds.	DON'T Host or attend social gatherings for you or your children.
DO Stay active. Get outside and enjoy a bike ride or take your dog for a walk.	DON'T Travel unless it is essential. Cancel or reschedule any upcoming trips or nonessential plans.
DO Practice social distancing (stay 6 feet away from others) if you have to leave home.	DON'T Believe everything you see or read. Do follow credible resources like DHS, that state only facts.
DO Call, text, and video chat your friends and family to stay connected.	

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](#).