COVID 19: March 30th, 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 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 30 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 over 360 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.

The April 7th Election is occurring as scheduled: Polling places will be open, but it is recommended that people vote absentee to minimize the number of people voting at the polls. To request an absentee ballot, visit myvote.wi.gov. The Wisconsin Elections Commission has released information to help prepare polling places and poll workers for Election Day. Screening tools and signs reminding people to maintain physical distance have been designed to provide the safest environment possible when people head to the polls on April 7th. Visit their website to access these resources: elections.wi.gov/covid-19.



COVID-19 Cases to Date

North Shore (includes Bayside, Brown Deer, Fox Point, Glendale, River Hills, Shorewood, Whitefish Bay - as of March 30th, 2020)

41 Cumulative Confirmed Cases

30 active cases being managed and monitored

11 cases resolved because people have recovered and been removed from isolation by NSHD

1 unable to be located (multiple agency alerts out)

Milwaukee County (as of March 30th, 2020)

617 Cumulative Confirmed Cases

5 Deaths

Wisconsin (as of March 30th., 2020)

1221 Cumulative Confirmed Cases

14 deaths





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.

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.

This is a rapidly evolving situation and we encourage you to frequently monitor the <u>DHS website for updates</u>, as well as the <u>NSHD website</u>. Additional information on COVID-19

can be found on the CDC website.

COVID-19EVERYDAY PREVENTIVE MEASURES

- Practice social distancing by staying at least 6 feet away from other people whenever possible.
- Stay at home as much as possible. Cancel events and avoid groups.
- Keep your circle of contacts small. Try to not be in physical contact with more than five people in total.
- · Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick and call your doctor before going in for medical care.
- Wash your hands regularly for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.
- Clean frequently touched surfaces and objects daily (e.g., tables, counter tops, light switches, doorknobs, and cabinet handles). See CDC's recommendations for household cleaning and disinfection.

Your actions will keep people safe and make sure health care providers can keep up with demand.

