April 13th, 2020 Update on COVID-19 (as of 4:15 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.

We are currently monitoring 28 active cases in the North Shore, and we are also providing active monitoring for high-risk contacts of confirmed cases. We have triaged and processed over 682 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.

Community transmission of COVID-19 is occurring in the communities of the North Shore: Everyone should assume they could be at risk of exposure to COVID-19 when out in public settings. The NSHD highly recommends that North Shore residents stay home unless it is absolutely necessary to leave for essential functions, such as grocery shopping, pharmacy visits or medical appointments.

Thank you to our healthcare workers, first responders and other essential workers: Your dedication and sacrifice has not gone unnoticed. We appreciate your hard work and service.

Hotels in the Milwaukee area are offering discounted rates for first responders and essential personnel: This provides frontline workers with affordable alternative housing options. Check out the list of participating hotels here.

WI DHS launched the Wisconsin Emergency Assistance Volunteer Registry (WEAVR): If you are a health care or behavioral health professional that is looking to help fill critical support roles in the fight against COVID-19, click here. There are clinical and nonclinical volunteer positions open. Upon registering, public health officials will review your information and offer you a placement site and position to fill. The number of COVID-19 cases is expected to increase in Wisconsin over the next couple weeks, leading to a surge of patients seeking medical care. Hospitals and clinics will need extra support to effectively respond to the influx of patients.