



April 15th, 2020 Update on COVID-19 (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, visit the [CDC's website](#) or our [website](#).

We are currently monitoring 33 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 745 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.

Governor Evers released a [statement](#) following the Wisconsin State Senate's passage of COVID-19 response legislation: Governor Evers states that the bill passed by the legislature does not meet the needs of all Wisconsinites, but it is a step in the right direction.

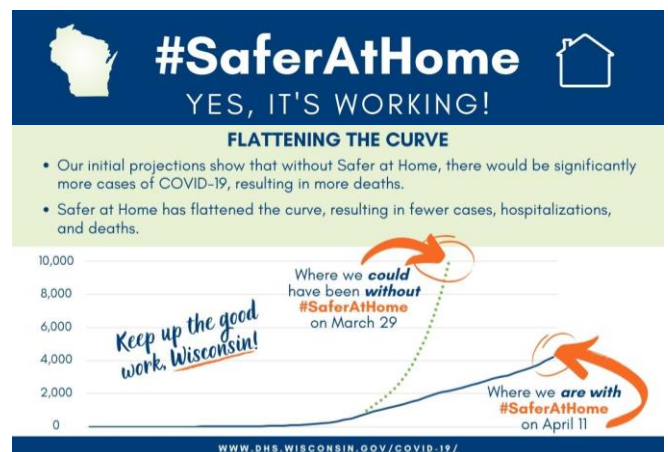
"My administration has been working to do as much as we can to respond to COVID-19 but we need to have the flexibility and resources to be able to provide necessary support for the people of our state. It's clear that more legislation will be needed to meaningfully address COVID-19 in Wisconsin and help workers, families, businesses, and farmers." - Governor Evers

Wisconsin is starting to see Safer at Home measures pay off – the curve is beginning to flatten:

Thank you to everyone that is staying home and taking the proper precautions to slow the spread. We have seen fewer cases, hospitalizations and deaths because of the Safer at Home order than was projected at the beginning of the outbreak. These measures are working, but we can't let up yet. We recommend the following actions to continue to follow the Safer at Home order:

1. Try to limit running errands to once per week and only send one family member if possible. This will reduce crowding at essential businesses and limit the opportunity for transmission.
2. Limit your social circle by avoiding dinner parties, sleepovers, and hangouts with friends or family that live outside your immediate household. Try hanging out with loved ones virtually instead.
3. Remember to get outside to support both your mental and physical health, but keep 6 feet of distance between yourself and others.

COVID-19 Cases to Date
<p>North Shore (includes Bayside, Brown Deer, Fox Point, Glendale, River Hills, Shorewood, Whitefish Bay - as of April 15th, 2020)</p> <p>94 Cumulative Confirmed Cases (+3)</p> <p>31 active cases being managed and monitored</p> <p>58 cases resolved - people have recovered and been removed from isolation by NSHD</p> <p>4 deaths (+1)</p> <p>1 transfer out of state</p>
<p>Milwaukee County (as of April 15th, 2020)</p> <p>1,870 Cumulative Confirmed Cases (+75)</p> <p>105 deaths (+4)</p>
<p>Wisconsin (as of April 15th, 2020)</p> <p>3,721 Cumulative Confirmed Cases (+166)</p> <p>39,326 People with Negative Results (+1,329)</p> <p>182 deaths (+12)</p>



Working from home and helping your children with school can be incredibly challenging. Here are some helpful tips and resources to stay on top of work and school demands while also maintaining your mental health:

- For elementary age and younger, two hours of instruction is enough, and it doesn't have to be consecutive.
- Four hours is appropriate for middle to high school-age children.
- Consider scheduling the most challenging learning activities in the morning when children may have the most energy.
- Build in breaks and time for fun activities outside, if possible.
- Not every subject has to be taught each day.
- Build in time for household chores – learning responsibility is part of a child's education. Think of creative ways to make divvying up chores more fun.
- Parents who are working from home might consider a daily schedule that includes their "office hours," a block of time when they may need to be on the phone or on a web conference and cannot be disturbed, except for emergencies. It's best to schedule activities that are of high interest to children during these times, so they are more motivated to work or play independently.
- Don't overlook board games as educational tools. Children can learn a great deal from games, not the least of which is how to read the body language of one's opponent – a talent that can be missed when only video games are available (Source: Ty Salvant from NOLA Homeschoolers).
- WEAC Resources: [Click Here](#)
- Helping kids learn at home: [Link](#) and [PBS](#)
- Storytime with Governor Evers: [Click Here](#)



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](#).

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](#).

