April 22nd, 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 26 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 912 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 and WI DHS announced their plan to re-open Wisconsin called the Badger Bounce Back: The phased re-opening is modeled after the President's Guidelines for Opening Up America.

Based on the Badger Bounce Back plan to re-open Wisconsin, we must see a downward trajectory of positive tests as a percent of total tests for 14-day consecutive days to end the Safer at Home order and move to Phase One: As of today, we have seen a decline for 0 days, increasing from 8.9% to 11.9% from April 21 to April 22. This data means that the earliest date Wisconsin could move to Phase One is May 6th, assuming a downward trend is observed for the following 14 days. See the graph on the DHS website for daily updates.

Today we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day! Use this Safer at Home time to get outside and enjoy what our planet has to offer. Try giving back to the environment too by planting trees; planting a garden or flowers to attract butterflies and other insects; cutting down on plastic and water use and more.