April 23rd, 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 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 941 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.

Dr. Westergaard from WI DHS explains the importance of continuing to practice social distancing to ensure we do not prematurely open our state and cause a surge in COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths: Watch the video here.

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 1 day, decreasing from 11.9% to 9.6% from April 22 to April 23. This data means that the earliest date Wisconsin could move to Phase One is May 6th, assuming a downward trend is observed for 14 days. See the graph on the DHS website for daily updates.