



April 9th, 2020 Update on COVID-19 (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, visit the [CDC's website](#) or our [website](#).

As the North Shore Health Department, we are currently monitoring 29 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 600 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.

COVID-19 Cases to Date
<p>North Shore (includes Bayside, Brown Deer, Fox Point, Glendale, River Hills, Shorewood, Whitefish Bay - as of April 9th, 2020)</p> <p>80 Cumulative Confirmed Cases</p> <p>29 active cases being managed and monitored</p> <p>47 cases resolved - people have recovered and been removed from isolation by NSHD</p> <p>3 deaths</p> <p>1 transfer out of state</p>
<p>Milwaukee County (as of April 9th, 2020)</p> <p>1,484 Cumulative Confirmed Cases (+67)</p> <p>65 Deaths (+11)</p>
<p>Wisconsin (as of April 9th, 2020)</p> <p>2,885 Cumulative Confirmed Cases (+129)</p> <p>31,424 People with Negative Results (+1,269)</p> <p>111 deaths (+12)</p>

40 WISCONSIN STATE PROPERTIES CLOSED EFFECTIVE APRIL 10

SOUTHEAST REGION:

Big Foot Beach State Park, Harrington Beach State Park, Havenwoods State Forest, Kohler-Andrae State Park, Kettle Moraine State Forest Lapham Peak, Loew Lake, Mukwonago River, Northern Unit, Pike Lake, Southern Unit, Lakeshore State Park, and Richard Bong State Recreational Area

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PROTECT YOURSELF
SOCIAL DISTANCE

Governor Tony Evers directed the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to close several Wisconsin State Parks: Due to unprecedented crowds, litter, vandalism and out of an abundance of caution to protect public health and safety and help flatten the curve, 40 Wisconsin State Parks, Forests and Recreational Areas will close at the end of the day Thurs., April 9, and will remain closed until further notice. For the full list of parks that are now closed, see the DNR press release [here](#).

“I wanted to keep state parks open for the public to enjoy during this challenging time which is why outdoor activity is listed as an essential activity under the Safer at Home order,” said Gov. Tony Evers. “Unfortunately, growing difficulty with ensuring social distancing compliance, dwindling cleaning supplies and mounting trash are some of the challenges faced by our state parks staff. We have to address the growing public health and safety concern and protect Wisconsinites.”

Religious organizations and places of worship have inquired about opportunities to continue offering faith-based services and gatherings while still complying with the governor’s “safer at home” order: Governor Evers released additional information addressing religious gatherings on April 9, which states that churches and religious gatherings are deemed essential, but they must follow the 10 person ban, meaning that any gathering must include fewer than 10 people at a time if it occurs in a room or confined space. Thus, churches and religious entities wishing to conduct services while still complying with the governor’s order may, for example, conduct services via:

- Parking lots *with congregants staying in cars*, avoiding person-to-person contact;
- Streaming online; and
- Having small gatherings (fewer than 10 people in each room) with multiple services.

Additional guidelines for faith-based organizations can be found on the WI DHS website: [here](#).



Mental and physical health are important during #SaferAtHome, and so is spiritual health.

You can safely be spiritual during the COVID-19 pandemic by:

- Viewing or listening to almost any form of spiritual service at home.
- Praying, being mindful, or meditating individually or as a family.



It is especially important during this time to stay connected with your place of worship and continue to nurture your faith and spirituality within your home: Suggestions to do so include taking time to meditate or pray individually or as a family; and view or listen to religious services through television, radio, online video recordings, live streams, or podcasts. Reach out to your religious or spiritual leaders to learn about other ways you can practice from your home. This is a trying time for our head, heart, and soul. Spiritual practices provide hope and a source of strength and social connectedness. We are asking everyone to stay at home because we know that it is the one thing we can all do together to keep our loved ones safe. People across the state are making the incredible sacrifice to stay at home when it is often very difficult to do so. We know this isn’t easy, and we appreciate everyone’s sacrifice today to save lives tomorrow.

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](#).