May 12th, 2020 Update on COVID-19
(as of 4:00 p.m.)

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 the COVID-19 disease outbreak caused by a novel coronavirus.

We are currently monitoring 22 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 1,626 suspect cases and/or contacts and performed several large contact investigations. We are also managing several active cases in Milwaukee to assist the Milwaukee Health Department.

As local retail stores begin to reopen for in-person shopping across Wisconsin, we as customers must continue to take precautions when visiting these stores:

- Keep a distance of 6 feet between yourself and others while shopping
- Wash or sanitize your hands before and after entering a store
- Consider wearing a mask to protect fellow shoppers
- Avoid touching your face as you shop

Our local businesses are taking the necessary precautions to slow the spread of COVID-19 and welcome you back into their stores. We as a North Shore community must in turn support them by practicing safe shopping.

WEDC Guidelines for retail stores: Click Here

COVID-19 Testing Sites in Milwaukee: Walk up or drive up testing will be offered on Milwaukee's north and south sides - at the Midtown parking lot at 5760 West Capitol Drive, and at UMOS on 2701 S. Chase Avenue. Testing will take place between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. seven days a week. You do not need to make an appointment and do not need to be showing symptoms to be tested. Informational flyers are available in English and Spanish.
This graph displays the total number of positive and negative test results received per day in the North Shore, as well as the percent of test results that were positive (3 day rolling average). A total of 1,455 COVID-19 tests have been conducted in the North Shore as of 4:00 p.m. on May 12th. With a population of approximately 65,000 in the North Shore, this indicates that 2.2% of the North Shore population has been tested at this time. We especially encourage you to seek testing if you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, have been exposed to COVID-19, or are an essential or front-line worker.

The WI Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) released training modules on personal protective equipment (PPE) usage for public employees that do not typically wear PPE: There are three modules which include a general education course on N95 respirator use, one tailored to law enforcement and another for water treatment workers. More information can be found here: DSPS Press Release.

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.