



May 15th, 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 31 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 1,865 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.

Thank you to the Wisconsin National Guard for supporting COVID-19 testing efforts throughout Wisconsin: Over 600 citizen soldiers and airmen are out performing testing across the state. To see the many testing locations and to find one near you, visit the WI DHS "How to get tested" [webpage](#).

The Milwaukee county local health officers issued a new Milwaukee county order: The COVID-19 Public Health Plan for Suburban Milwaukee County: [Order Here](#). This order is effective immediately and will remain in effect until 11:59pm on Thursday, May 21st, 2020. The COVID-19 Public Health Plan for Suburban Milwaukee County was modeled after the federal Guidelines for Opening Up America Again plan and the Wisconsin Badger Bounce Back Plan, which both provide guidance and metrics to slowly and cautiously reopen businesses and activities in our communities. The foundation for most public health and executive guidance has been based on "flattening the curve" to ensure healthcare capacity is not severely strained. Milwaukee County has made great progress in flattening the curve, yet we must continue to take the necessary precautions to contain the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

The COVID-19 Public Health Plan focuses on the continuation and resumption of businesses and activities for sectors of our economy that are able to operate with *Physical Distancing and Protective Measure Requirements* and *Safe Business Practices* in place (see page 2 and 3 of the order). Depending on the type of business,

COVID-19 Cases to Date
North Shore (includes Bayside, Brown Deer, Fox Point, Glendale, River Hills, Shorewood, Whitefish Bay - as of May 15 th , 2020) 148 Cumulative Confirmed Cases (+6) 31 active cases being managed and monitored (+3) 108 cases resolved - people have recovered and been removed from isolation by NSHD (+3) 8 deaths (+0) 1 transfer out of state
Milwaukee County (as of May 15 th , 2020) 4,535 Cumulative Confirmed Cases (+148) 249 deaths (+7)
Wisconsin (as of May 15 th , 2020) 11,685 Cumulative Confirmed Cases (+410) 128,657 People with Negative Results (+6,059) 445 deaths (+11)



reopening is permitted while following certain restrictions. See the [order](#) for details and visit our [Milwaukee County Plan](#) page, [Public Spaces](#) page and [Safe Business Practices](#) page for additional information and updates.

Future decisions will be based on the COVID-19 data for the county and upcoming guidelines will be based on:

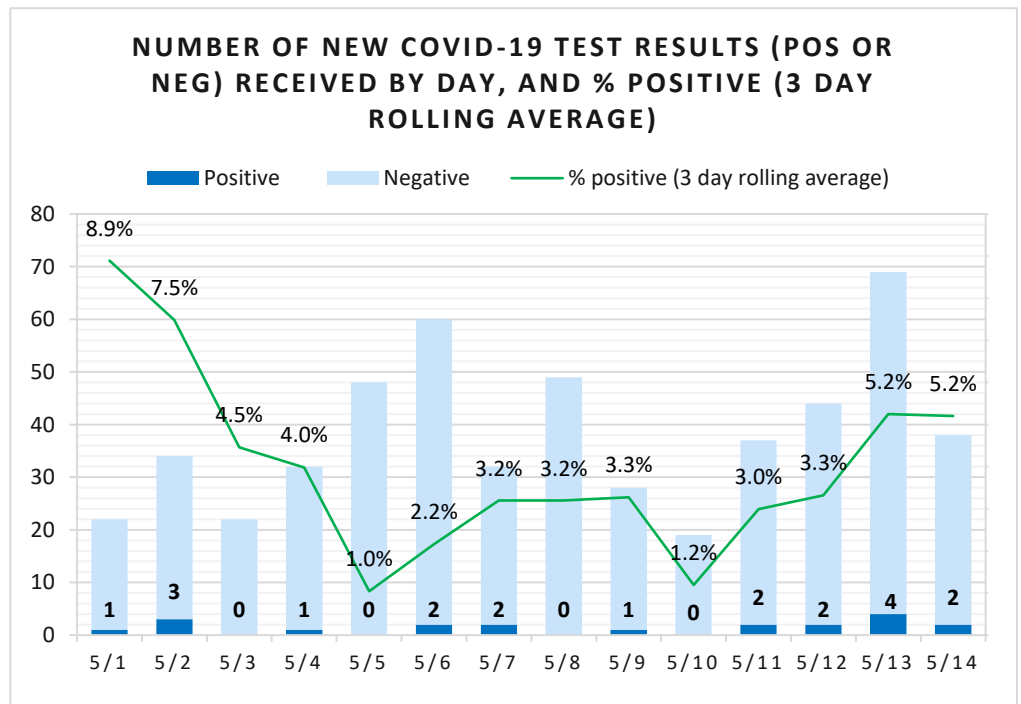
- Health care capacity to meet the needs of the state;
- Testing, contact tracing, and isolation capacity in the state;
- Availability of personal protective equipment (“PPE”) for healthcare workers, first responders, and other public servants that are required to perform face-to-face services;
- Economic needs of Wisconsin and Wisconsinites.

The North Shore Health Department is working to preserve and protect the health of all North Shore residents during this time and we appreciate your support and cooperation.

We recommend the following actions to continue to slow the spread of COVID-19:

- Practice physical distancing when in public spaces, which requires maintaining at least 6 feet of distance between yourself and others.
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and warm water. If soap and warm water are not readily available, use hand sanitizer of at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your face in public spaces and with unclean hands.
- Wear a face mask when out in public. This helps prevent transmission of the virus from yourself to others. However, physical distancing and other precautionary measures should still be taken in addition to wearing a face mask.

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 1,673 COVID-19 tests have been conducted in the North Shore as of 3:00 p.m. on May 15th. With a population of approximately 65,000 in the North Shore, this indicates that 2.6% of the North Shore population has been tested at this time. We 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.



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](#).