# Public Briefing from the



May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 Update on COVID-19 (as of 4:00 p.m.)

#### The North Shore is prepared to enter Phase B:

Beginning tomorrow, Friday, May 22, the North Shore will be in Phase B of our reopening plan. Businesses and organizations should begin to reopen following Phase B of the North Shore Health Department's <u>Guidelines</u> for a Safe, Phased Reopening. These Guidelines should be used in conjunction with sector specific guidelines by agencies like the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (<u>WEDC</u>), the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (<u>DHS</u>), the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (<u>DCF</u>) and others.

Under Phase B, it is recommended that gatherings continue to be limited to 10 people and that businesses reopen with recommended occupancy limits to control the number of people in establishments. Occupancy limits will allow customers and employees to be physically distant because there will be fewer people and more vacant room in these settings. The North Shore Health Department supports the growth and recovery of all businesses as we work together to achieve our goals within a community that must learn to continue to operate with the presence of COVID-19. We will continue to monitor gating criteria to help us determine how long our communities will operate under these guidelines before new guidelines will be released, recommending more widescale openings of our businesses.

### COVID-19 Cases to Date

**North Shore** (includes Bayside, Brown Deer, Fox Point, Glendale, River Hills, Shorewood, Whitefish Bay - as of May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020)

#### 159 Cumulative Confirmed Cases (+1)

32 active cases being managed and monitored (-1)

118 cases resolved - people have recovered and been removed from isolation by NSHD (+2)

8 deaths (+0)

1 transfer out of state

 $2,\!304$  contacts and/or suspect cases we have triaged and processed

Milwaukee County (as of May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020)

5,556 Cumulative Confirmed Cases (+183)

269 deaths (+4)

Wisconsin (as of May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020)

13,885 Cumulative Confirmed Cases (+472)

163,238 People with Negative Results (+8,938)

487 deaths (+6)

**Resources for Reopening:** 

- NSHD/Suburban Milwaukee County Safe Opening Capacity Guidance Chart
- North Shore Health Department <u>Detailed Guidelines</u> for a Safe Reopening
- Gating criteria to determine when we can move to the next phase can be found on the Milwaukee County of Emergency Management <u>dashboard</u>.
- WEDC Reopen Guidelines
- Online <u>toolkit</u> designed by the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) and the Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce (MMAC) to help businesses open and operate as safely as possible
- "We are Staying Safe" window sign for businesses to display

The NSHD webpages on Guidelines for Reopening and Best Business Practices will be updated frequently.

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 2,091 COVID-19 tests have been conducted in the North Shore as of 3:00 p.m. on May 21<sup>st</sup>. With a population of approximately 65,000 in the North Shore, this indicates that 3.2% 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.



Physical distancing, also called social distancing, is a highly recommended measure for individuals to take in order to minimize the risk of transmission of COVID-19. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), COVID-19 is primarily spread when people are in close contact (within about 6 feet) for a prolonged period of time (approximately 10 minutes). When a person who has COVID-19 coughs, sneezes, or talks, droplets from their mouth or nose enter the air and can land in the mouths or noses of people nearby.

When in public spaces, including both inside settings and outside areas, we encourage everyone to maintain physical distancing of at least 6 feet (2 arms' lengths). This is the most effective method at slowing the spread of COVID-19 and protecting yourself and those around you. When enjoying outdoor public areas, such as sidewalks or parks, remember to be courteous of others by keeping your distance. If exercising, avoid falling into the same pace as others nearby and do your best to give others adequate space by moving over when passing by.

We also recommend covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue or the inside of your elbow; wearing a face mask if you are able; and frequently washing your hands and disinfecting surfaces.

More information on the importance of physical distancing is available on the <u>CDC website</u>.

## MAINTAIN PHYSICAL DISTANCING WHILE EXERCISING

Outdoor spaces are shared by all community members. Please be respectful by keeping at least 6 feet of space between yourself and others to prevent transmission of COVID-19.



This is a rapidly evolving situation and we encourage you to frequently monitor the <u>DHS website for</u> <u>updates</u>, as well as the <u>NSHD website</u>. Additional information on COVID-19 can be found on the <u>CDC</u> <u>website</u>.