May 4th, 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](https://www.cdc.gov) or our [website](https://www.healthdept.com). Wisconsin DHS publishes statewide COVID-19 data that is updated daily.

We are currently monitoring 26 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 1,261 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.

If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, testing is now available at the [Milwaukee Community Health Centers](https://www.milwaukeehealth.org). Click Here for more information.

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): These measures are released on a [statewide level](https://www.wisconsin.gov) daily as a method of tracking mitigation progress throughout Wisconsin. This North Shore level data allows our department and the public to assess the status of our community.

**Wisconsin has significantly increased testing availability over the last couple of weeks:** Moving forward, the state is prepared to conduct 85,000 tests per week with the goal of being one of the top states in testing per capita.

The Badger Bounce Back Plan features four key testing goals:

1. Respond to every employer, corrections, and congregate care outbreak
2. Test every nursing home resident and staff member
3. Establish community testing programs for symptomatic individuals in target communities
4. Ensure everyone who is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms gets a test
Wisconsin is ramping up its contact tracing to prevent further spread of COVID-19: Robust contact tracing is essential as we plan to re-open Wisconsin in the coming weeks. The WI Department of Health Services is recruiting full and part-time contact tracers. See the job posting here.

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.