

Rep. Bowen: Tests Positive for COVID-19

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Urges Constituents to Take Precautions, Stay at Home to Minimize Spread

MILWAUKEE – State Rep. David Bowen (D-Milwaukee) tested positive for COVID-19 this weekend after running a fever late last week. Rep. Bowen is currently in quarantine at home, and while he is still fighting symptoms, he is in good spirits and recuperating. After learning of his diagnosis, Rep. Bowen released the following statement:

“I found out early last week from the Shorewood Health Department that I had come in contact with a fellow local elected official who had tested positive for COVID-19, and immediately went into quarantine. Later in the week, I began showing symptoms myself, and got tested for COVID-19. Unfortunately, that test came back positive this weekend. While it isn’t clear whether I was infected by this individual or someone else within our community, one thing is certain – it is imperative that this virus be taken seriously and that individuals minimize social interactions and stay home to prevent further spread of this virus and its immobilizing symptoms. Had I known of my status even earlier, I would have reduced my exposure to others who may potentially have gotten the virus from me. Even if you are young and typically healthy, it’s even more important that you heed the call to stay home, take care of your family, and not spread the virus to others who are vulnerable.”

Tomorrow, Governor Evers will be issuing a “Safer at Home” order, which will close businesses in Wisconsin that do not provide essential services through the COVID-19 crisis. This order will help ensure that individuals stay home and only go

out in public to pick up essentials like groceries and medicine, or to go to the doctor.

“As of today, I am one of 182 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Milwaukee, and that number will only increase by the day. I am thankful the Governor’s administration has taken decisive action to make sure that people are staying home to mitigate the spread of this virus that has already claimed the lives of five people across our state, including three in Milwaukee County. I am thankful for the essential workers in health care and in the grocery and the delivery industries that are continuing to work and be away from their families to help serve us all. I am grateful to God I serve that I will be a part of the vast majority of cases where people who contract the virus will survive without it exacerbating other pre-existing conditions. May we all get the blessings, the lessons, and divine clarity destined to be gained during this trying time. We still have each other and let’s not ever forget that!”