

‘UpFront’: Republican bill would stiffen penalties for reckless driving

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State Sen. Chris Kapenga said a new bill to stiffen penalties for reckless driving would give law enforcement a “bigger stick” to use in cracking down on the problem.

In an interview aired Sunday on “UpFront,” the Delafield Republican said he and his Republican co-sponsors developed the bill in part from recommendations from a task force on reckless driving in Milwaukee. “UpFront” is produced in partnership with WisPolitics.com.

“We’re trying to do as much as we can to make sure that people understand there are consequences, and we want it so the consequences are high enough that we reduce the number of people doing this,” Kapenga said.

In another segment, a Wisconsin infectious disease specialist said testing for the novel coronavirus should get faster after federal health authorities approved state laboratories to perform the tests.

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“The only way right now that we can screen for the novel coronavirus is through the CDC, although the CDC actually and the FDA have now allowed state labs to do it, and from what I’m told the state of Wisconsin will be able to screen for novel coronavirus starting next week,” Dr. Mary Beth Graham, an infectious disease specialist with the Medical College of Wisconsin, said.

The first case of novel coronavirus has been detected in Wisconsin. The patient is a Madison-area person who had recently traveled to China, and is now self-isolating at home.

Graham said the risk of coronavirus for members of the public who have not traveled to China is very low. She said that, like with any viral illness, people can protect themselves by not touching their mouth or nose after they have touched surfaces in public.

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