



# Wisconsin Medical Society

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## **WisMed Supports Gov's Masking Order, Urges Continuation**

The Wisconsin Medical Society – the state's largest advocacy organization for individual physicians – strongly supports continuation of Governor Tony Evers' latest masking order as a tool to combat the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The Society's Board of Directors met virtually January 23 and voted to support Gov. Evers' January 19 [Emergency Order #1](#) by opposing Senate Joint Resolution 3, which would nullify the latest public health emergency declaration and therefore also the masking order issued under that declaration.

"Other than vaccines, mask-wearing is one of the few tools we have in our arsenal to help prevent spreading COVID-19 even further than it already has," Society CEO Bud Chumbley, MD said. "Studies show that wearing masks helps slow the spread of viruses like SARS-CoV-2 and that government requirements to wear masks correlates to reduced COVID-19 spread than in locations without such orders.

"We need to do all we can to prevent more deaths and help our economy return to normal," Chumbley said. "We ask all of our government leaders to support physicians and other front-line health care workers by promoting mask-wearing as an effective tool against COVID-19."

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With more than 10,000 members dedicated to the best interests of their patients, the [Wisconsin Medical Society](#) is the largest association of medical doctors in the state and a trusted source for health policy leadership since 1841.