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Milwaukee County Executive David Crowley Statement on Governor Tony Evers Issuing A Statewide Mask Mandate Effective Saturday, August 1

MILWAUKEE – Today, Governor Tony Evers announced an official statewide mask mandate requiring Wisconsin residents, with notable exceptions to wear masks or face coverings when indoors and not in a private residence, with some exceptions as clarified and defined in the order. The order comes as Wisconsin is set to be officially added to the City of Chicago’s 14-day self-quarantine order this week, requiring anyone travel or returning to the city from one of currently 22 states to self-isolate upon their arrival. Just this week, Wisconsin topped over 50,000 total confirmed cases statewide, and more than 900 deaths due to COVID-19.

“I agree with Governor Evers’ statewide approach to getting Wisconsin, and Milwaukee County, back on track to fully reopening safely. For places like Milwaukee County, where there is no health department and no authority to implement measures like a countywide mask mandate, orders that vary from each municipality serve as a detriment in the fight against the spread of COVID-19,” said Milwaukee County Executive David Crowley. “We never thought we’d see cities add Wisconsin to their 14-day self-quarantine lists or witness the number of COVID-19 cases rise to their current totals, but the time is now to do all we can to reverse these alarming trends. We need the public to do its part in protecting themselves and others by practicing physical distancing, wearing a mask, and washing their hands. While these are inconvenient and challenging at times, these are behaviors we must make habits.”

[Under the Emergency Order](#), Wisconsin residents ages five and older are required to wear a face covering when they are indoors or in an enclosed space with anyone outside their household or living unit. Face coverings are strongly recommended for residents outdoors and maintaining physical distancing is not possible. A frequently asked questions (FAQ) document is available [here](#).

Health system-based testing remains available to anyone with symptoms regardless of insurance, income or immigration status by simply calling 2-1-1. Additionally, the Wisconsin National Guard is still conducting free COVID-19 testing for symptomatic and asymptomatic individuals at Custer Stadium at Barack Obama High School of Career and Technical Education and UMOS, Inc.. Drive-thru and walk-up testing are available from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday - Thursday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday and Saturday. No appointment is needed and you can check-in online once on-site.

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