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Gov. Evers Delivers Radio Address Providing an Update on Statewide Public Health Emergency

[Audio file of radio address.](#)

MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers today delivered the Democratic Radio Address on the need for statewide mitigation efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19 and issuing a new public health emergency to extend into January 2021.

Hello, Wisconsin. Governor Tony Evers here.

Nearly two months ago, we issued our current public health emergency on September 22nd.

Back then, our 7-day average of daily new positive cases was around 1,800.

Unfortunately, things have worsened quickly since then.

We've now more than tripled our 7-day average, averaging now 6,400 new positive cases per day.

The number of confirmed COVID-19 cases has tripled—we have now almost 324,000 positive cases in Wisconsin and our total number of COVID-19 deaths is 2,741.

And our current public health emergency expires this Saturday, November 21st.

But it's clear based on where we're headed, we cannot afford to stop or have a gap in some of our only mitigation efforts we still have in place.

That's why I will be declaring a new state of emergency this week and extending our public health emergency until January of next year.

We will also be reissuing Emergency Order #1 requiring face coverings in public places.

We've got a long road ahead of us, Wisconsin, but we need to buckle down and get through this together until then.

As always, please, stay home. Wear a mask if you have to go out, and otherwise stay home.

Call it what you want—flattening the curve, stopping the spread, staying safer at home... I'm going to call it what it is—saving lives. Thank you.

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