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Rep. Rodriguez Responds to Gov. Evers' Extension of Safer at Home Order

MADISON – Rep. Jessie Rodriguez (R-Oak Creek) released the following statement Friday in response to Gov. Tony Evers' decision to extend the Safer at Home emergency order:

“Over the past month, the legislature has given Governor Tony Evers much latitude regarding the use of his emergency powers to restrict social gatherings. Because those infected by the novel coronavirus can be asymptomatic carriers, viral community spread has been a real concern to local healthcare systems. Yet, through social distancing measures, Wisconsin has flattened the curve and hospitals are doing better. So, it is disappointing that Governor Evers would renew a lengthy stay-at-home order without rolling out a well thought out plan that safely activates low-risk segments of our economy.

“Since we're all in this together, Governor Evers should be working with the state legislature as partners. In the last 24 hours, I have been getting calls and emails from constituents frustrated with the extension of the Safer at Home order because they believe it goes too far. They need to see a comprehensive plan with real targets and specific goals. If the rate of infection needs to be lower, for instance, then we should know by how much. If the state's testing capacity is insufficient, then we need to know what is considered sufficient. Families are being asked to make great sacrifices, the least we owe them is transparency. If we don't know what the goalposts look like, we will never know if they're being moved.

“Lately, our communities are being asked to choose between life and livelihood, but that's a false dichotomy. With the right plan in place, we can slowly and intelligently reopen parts of the economy while also keeping the curve flat. Our constituents need us to strike the right balance between their health and making sure they can support their families.”

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