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## **Investments in Emergency Operations will help Wisconsin Slow the Spread of COVID-19**

*Latest CARES Act investment will go toward testing, contact tracing, PPE, and ventilators*

MADISON – Today, Governor Evers announced a robust \$1 billion statewide effort to support COVID-19 testing, contact tracing, acquisition of needed supplies including PPE, emergency operations, ventilators, a focus on patient care, and resources for local communities throughout Wisconsin. The state has allocated approximately \$260 million for testing efforts and \$75 million for contact tracing. This is part of the \$1.9 billion of federal CARES Act funding Wisconsin received. Representative Stubbs (D-Madison) released the following statement about this investment:

“Governor Evers latest announcement is an important step forward in our fight against COVID-19. The investments the governor announced today will give us even more capacity to better understand how widespread COVID-19 is in communities across Wisconsin.”

Rep. Stubbs further stated, “Governor Evers is taking the right steps forward on the path to addressing inequities in testing, procuring supplies and PPE. As of today, May 19, 2020, African Americans are still overrepresented in the number of cases and deaths due to COVID-19 in Wisconsin. As of today, African Americans make up 6.35% of Wisconsin’s population, and now 28% of those who have died from COVID-19.”

Rep. Stubbs continued, “The next step is to hire contact tracers to help identify community spread, isolated individuals who have come into contact with someone who is infected and help prevent them from transmitting the virus more widely. We must make sure that we are reaching out to communities in which COVID-19 is having a devastating and disproportionate effect. Wisconsin already has some of the highest per capita testing numbers in the country. This effort will help make Wisconsin a safer and more healthy state.”

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