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WPHCA Statement on Governor Evers COVID Announcements

Madison, WI - Today, Governor Evers issued a new statewide public health emergency, along with a statewide mask mandate. The Wisconsin Primary Health Care Association interprets these announcements as a significant marker that Wisconsin is headed in the wrong direction with regards to community spread.

There is ample scientific evidence that our best public health tools to manage this disease are widespread use of masks, frequent hand-washing and maintaining physical distancing of at least 6 feet. “We’ve seen the effectiveness of widespread mask use in other countries and need to employ those same tactics here,” noted WPHCA CEO Stephanie Harrison. “We also know that some communities struggle to obtain protective tools like hand sanitizer and masks, due to supply or affordability. Along with mandates, we need to ensure that everyone has access to the masks that will make this order effective.”

Community Health Centers across Wisconsin continue to provide COVID-19 diagnostic testing for symptomatic people who are established at the Health Center or do not have a regular medical home.

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