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## **Representative Kolste Issues Statement on Executive Order #3**

**MADISON** — Governor Evers has directed Department of Health Services Secretary-Designee Palm to issue Executive Order #3, limiting public gatherings to no more than 25% of a room or building's total capacity. Representative Kolste issued the following statement:

“Wisconsin is at a crisis point. We continue to break our own records, and we must do everything we can as individuals to protect each other. The surge is overwhelming hospitals, not to mention health care workers. My sympathies continue to be with those who have lost a loved one to this virus,” Rep. Kolste stated.

The Wisconsin Department of Health services reported an increase of 2,020 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 18 new deaths. Wisconsin has the third highest number of new cases in the past seven days (17,641 new cases), behind only California and Texas. As COVID-19 cases rise, hospitals across the state are experiencing critical staffing shortages – largely due to staff members experiencing infection or exposure to the virus.

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