

AFL-CIO: Undermining Gov. Evers for partisan political gain leaves Wisconsinites needlessly unprotected from unchecked COVID-19 spread

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(November 6, 2020) – Stephanie Bloomingdale, President of the Wisconsin AFL-CIO, released the following statement reacting to the Wisconsin circuit court ruling stating that Governor Evers’ orders to limit the size of indoor gatherings is invalid and unenforceable.

“From the very start of the pandemic Governor Evers has followed the science and taken sound and reasonable action to slow the spread of COVID-19 to save lives. At every step of the way, Assembly Speaker Robin Vos and the Republican leadership have chosen to play political games with our pandemic response, throwing up roadblock after roadblock, mostly in the form of legislative inaction and legal challenges, to hinder our response. Unfortunately, as a result, Wisconsin is now one of the leading hotspots for new coronavirus cases. Our hospitals are stretched to capacity, our healthcare workers providing care to the sick are at increased risk of contracting this deadly virus, and Wisconsinites are dying every day.

New reports show an alarming jump in nurses and health care workers sidelined due to coronavirus exposure or infection themselves, leaving Wisconsin hospitals with gaping shortages of frontline workers to care and treat the surging coronavirus cases ravaging through Wisconsin.

Obstructing Governor Evers’ common-sense measures to limit the spread of

COVID-19 for partisan political gain means more Wisconsinites will die, get sick and it will take us longer and longer to get this virus under control. Let's stop this partisan madness and let our Governor lead in this crisis."