

GOP lawmakers ask state Supreme Court to halt latest Evers stay-at-home order

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GOP lawmakers today asked the state Supreme Court for an injunction preventing the Evers administration from enforcing its latest stay-at-home order, arguing Health Services Secretary Andrea Palm exceeded her authority in issuing the new directive.

The Legislature asked the Supreme Court to hear the suit directly and issue an injunction preventing enforcement of the new stay-at-home order, arguing it exceeds the department's authority. The suit also argued the Evers administration inappropriately went around the Legislature in issuing the order.

GOP lawmakers also asked for the court to stay the proposed injunction for six days to give DHS time to promulgate a new emergency rule. The suit argued that would "fairly accommodate the parties' mutual interest in preserving the status quo and ensuring no disruption to the State's efforts to control the spread of COVID-19 while DHS undertakes steps to comply with all applicable statutes." Emergency rules are subject to legislative review.