

# Mayor Rhodes-Conway: Statement on extension of Gov. Evers' safer at home order

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I thank Governor Evers for taking this strong stance to continue to protect public health at this critical time when Wisconsin is still witnessing significant levels of illness and death from COVID-19. What is clear from the science is that we will have to continue to take precautions and make adjustments to the way we go about our daily lives until a vaccine is widely available. Even if the summer results in a decrease in the levels of illness, the CDC is predicting that a vaccine will not be available for a year or more. Future waves of illness will happen if we do not continue to take a science and evidence based response to this illness.

We need increased testing capacity, contact tracing infrastructure, adequate supplies of PPE, quarantine and isolation capacity, and other measures in place before we can even begin to think of returning to more normal operations.