

Rep. Kolste: Statewide mask mandate is an effective way to slow the spread of COVID-19

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MADISON – Today, Governor Evers announced a statewide mask mandate aimed at slowing the spread of COVID-19 following a recent rise in cases and hospitalizations statewide. Representative Debra Kolste (D-44) released the following statement:

“This is the right call by Governor Evers and I applaud his decision to implement a statewide mask mandate. COVID-19 has impacted every corner of Wisconsin and every aspect of our lives. The governor’s announcement today is a proactive step that will keep people safe and keep our economy open,” Rep. Kolste stated.

“Individual actions like wearing a mask, thorough hand-washing, and practicing social distancing can dramatically decrease the spread of COVID-19. The vast majority of Americans support mask mandates because it’s a way they can play a part in helping stop this pandemic. If we want to save our economy and maintain the hope of in-person school this fall, everyone should comply with this order.”

Wisconsin joins 31 other states and the District of Columbia in implementing a mask mandate. According to a recent analysis, if 95% of people wear cloth masks when they’re interacting with other people, it reduces transmission by at least 30%.