

Rep. Sargent: Statement on Gov. Evers' statewide address regarding COVID-19

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MADISON– Today, Rep. Melissa Agard Sargent responded with her support for Gov. Tony Evers' statewide address regarding the COVID-19 pandemic in Wisconsin this evening:

“These last several months have been a tumultuous and demanding time for all folks in Wisconsin. As a state, we have faced a once-in-a-lifetime pandemic, economic uncertainty, and another election season. These hurdles have no doubt tested our optimism, compassion, and empathy, especially as it relates to fellow Wisconsinites.

“However, as the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continues to surge in our state, we must band together to mitigate the spread of this deadly virus. We all want safety, security, and prosperity, but our harsh reality is that we simply cannot be complacent or indifferent when it comes to the health and safety of ourselves and the people around us. The second wave of this pandemic has proven to be more deadly and widespread than we experienced in the early months—as our world-renowned scientists and leading health experts warned us. Wisconsin is now approaching close to 300,000 COVID-19 cases and almost 2,500 deaths statewide. In the U.S. as a whole, we have surpassed over 10.2 million cases and 240,000 deaths.

“I share the frustration of many folks, but we need to do the right thing. Though this is especially hard around the holidays, and we want to be with the people we love

most, the biggest way we can tell people that we love them right now is by staying home. We simply must hold ourselves responsible and each do our part at stopping this deadly pandemic. Every day that this virus goes unchecked, our economy faces setbacks, our livelihood is postponed, and the health and safety of our loved ones is compromised. Far too many Wisconsin families have lost a loved one because we have not contained this virus.

“The exponential increases in cases, hospitalizations, and deaths our state is currently facing is not outside of our control; rather, these are preventable. We must each do our part to curb this virus, and it will take each and every one of us to win this fight.”