

Rep. Stroebel: COVID-19 update

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Madison, WI – Senator Duey Stroebel (R-Cedarburg) made the following statement today in response to the rapid developments surrounding COVID-19 in Wisconsin:

“As of today’s update, there are 155 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Wisconsin. Pandemics are thankfully rare, but Wisconsin has a process to handle the many decisions that must be made.

“Sec. 323.10 grants the Governor the authority to declare a public health emergency, activating several other statutes that allow for executive actions not normally authorized. The Governor did this March 12th and has utilized the powers in several ways to attempt to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. I receive many communications daily from constituents expressing their opinions on the measures undertaken and asking my office to intervene. My office will continue to remain open to answer questions, take input from my constituents and communicate with the executive branch wherever appropriate.

“Wisconsin law has a 60 day time limit on emergency declarations. The Legislature must approve any extension of the state of emergency beyond that time. As that deadline approaches, I will monitor the progress of COVID-19, the state of our economy, the implementation of containment measures and the opinions of my constituents. It is my responsibility to analyze where we are in early May and work with my legislative colleagues and the Governor to find the right balance of all considerations based upon the situation on the ground. I urge all Wisconsinites to be patient and prudent as we watch the situation develop.”

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