

Rep. Swearingen: Issues statement on Gov. Evers extending safer at home order

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Madison, WI – Representative Rob Swearingen (R – Rhinelander) issued the following statement in response to Governor Evers’ Department of Health Services extending the Safer at Home Emergency Order:

“Governor Evers’ decision to extend the ‘Safer at Home’ order through May 26th is not a sensible approach when applied to the entire state. To be clear, I fully understand the dangers associated with COVID-19, in particular how it disproportionately affects the elderly and those with pre-existing conditions. I do not believe the current data supports this decision, instead of applying a one size fits all approach to Wisconsin, I believe we in the Northwoods can protect our loved ones, prevent the spread of the virus, and open up our economy. The Governor’s decision to extend the order through the Memorial Day holiday will devastate local businesses such as resorts, restaurants, taverns and many other retail and specialty stores. With little revenue coming into the state, this order will also have long-term consequences for the next state budget and create stress on our schools and government-funded programs. The process of opening up our economy could be gradual, and the public will have to continue adhering to social distancing guidelines as well as take common-sense precautions, but we can and must get people back to work. I will continue to work with my legislative colleagues moving forward to get Wisconsin up and running once again.”

Representative Swearingen represents the 34th Assembly District, which includes the Northwoods counties of Oneida, Vilas, Florence and portions of Forest.