Sen. Hansen: Gov. Evers makes right call

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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. State Senator Dave Hansen (D-Green Bay) released the following statement:

"It is refreshing to see an elected official put the health and safety of the people above their personal political ambitions. Governor Evers has shown courage in stepping into what has become a highly politicized debate that others have refused to address for fear doing so might hurt their political prospects.

"As he has shown since the beginning of the pandemic, Governor Evers is continuing to put the health and safety of all Wisconsinites first and foremost. Wearing a mask is not a political statement. In fact, a large majority of Americans support requiring people to wear masks in public. They, like Governor Evers, understand that this order is what needs to be done to stem this pandemic and keep ourselves, our loved ones and our neighbors safe. Slowing down the virus is also the best way to restore and strengthen our economy.

"I encourage everyone to do the right thing and put a mask on when out in public. Together we can stem the virus and move our state forward."

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%.