

Sen. Fitzgerald, Rep. Vos: Statement on Gov. Evers' Executive Order

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Madison...Speaker Robin Vos (R-Rochester) and Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald (R-Juneau) released the following statement after Governor Evers announced a new shelter-in-place order this morning.

"The governor's announcement has created mass amounts of confusion. For days, Governor Evers took a measured approach and reassured business owners that a shelter-in-place order may not be necessary. Legislative leaders even complimented him for it. The governor's sudden change of course and lack of specific guidance have increased the level of uncertainty and anxiety in our state. The people of Wisconsin deserve clear communications during a public health emergency.

"There also needs to be a better understanding as to why the decisions are being made, because of the impact on the economy, businesses and residents of the state.

"It appears at the end of the governor's press conference, there are more questions than answers. We would ask the governor to answer the following questions for the people of Wisconsin:

- What are the metrics that this decision is based on?
- What is considered an essential and non-essential business? How is that being determined?
- What changes need to happen for the order to be lifted?

"The governor's executive order came as a surprise to the legislature. It was a complete reversal from his repeated assurances. It should be noted that legislative leaders have asked on a daily basis whether or not this was the direction the

governor was headed, and we were told it was not.

“We all want what’s best for Wisconsin. We want people to stay safe and follow CDC guidelines. We would ask the governor to do a better job communicating to the people of Wisconsin.”