

Sen. Hansen: Republicans' push to end safer at home order is irresponsible and dangerous

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(Madison)—State Senator Dave Hansen (D-Green Bay) said Republicans' push to end the Safer at Home Order is reckless and part of a larger pattern of callous disregard for the health and safety of Wisconsin families. Hansen's remarks came after Republican politicians came out in opposition to the Governor's decision to extend the Safer at Home order.

"No one likes having to make these types of decisions. Everyone would like life to go back to where we were before this pandemic," said Hansen. "But even under President Trump's own guidelines we are nowhere near ready to safely end the Safer at Home Order.

Hansen was referring to White House guidelines for re-opening the economy which state that before states can enter Stage 1 they need to show a "downward trajectory of documented cases within a 14-day period" and the need to have in place a "robust testing program in place for at-risk healthcare workers, including emerging antibody testing."

"While no one likes the thought of being required to stay at home through May, it is likely to take that long to see 14 consecutive days of downward trajectory referred to in the White House guidelines, especially since we still haven't seen the impact of in-person voting. Any attempt to suggest otherwise is irresponsible and putting lives at risk."

"The Safer at Home order and people following it has limited the trajectory of the virus and saved untold lives. Continuing social distancing is the best way to get us to a point where we can safely begin re-opening our communities."