

# Sen. LeMahieu: Statement on “Stay at Home” Executive Order

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**Madison** - Today, Governor Tony Evers' administration issued [Emergency Order #12](#). The order requires Wisconsin residents to “stay at home,” while providing exceptions for “essential businesses” and other actions. In response, Senator Devin LeMahieu (R-Oostburg) issued the following statement:

“Since yesterday morning, I’ve heard from numerous employers in Sheboygan, Manitowoc, and Calumet Counties outlining their serious concerns with the “stay at home” order. Small businesses have been at a loss as to how to comply, and are facing questions from scared employees. This afternoon, I heard from the head of a local manufacturing company with a global distribution network who was forced to lay-off 250 employees on one day’s notice.

“Several parts of this emergency order are troubling. First, the order is in place for 30 days, which is an incredible burden for Wisconsin families and businesses and longer than any other state in the Midwest. The order also requires businesses and individuals to follow ever-changing guidance on a state website. It is also unclear how local police will be able to fairly and uniformly enforce these convoluted restrictions.

“The COVID-19 pandemic is a serious issue and demands a serious response. Action is needed to protect Wisconsin families, particularly our most vulnerable citizens. However, Governor Evers is using a sledgehammer rather than a scalpel to

address this crisis. Even after the emergency order has been issued, there are many more questions than answers.

“The Governor needs to rethink this order.”

*Senator Devin LeMahieu (R-Oostburg) represents the 9<sup>th</sup> Senate District, which includes portions of Sheboygan, Manitowoc, and Calumet Counties. He is a Member of the Joint Committee on Finance.*