

# Weekly Dem Radio Address: Gov. Evers on statewide face covering requirement

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MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers today delivered the Democratic Radio Address on [Emergency Order #1](#) requiring face coverings statewide to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

*Hi, folks. Governor Tony Evers here.*

As we battle the new surge of COVID-19 across our state, today I announced a new face covering order that goes into effect at 12:01 a.m. on August 1st.

This order requires every Wisconsinite 5 years or older to wear a face covering or mask whenever they are out in public and are indoors or in an public enclosed space like an outdoor bar or a taxi.

While our local health departments have been doing a heck of a job responding to this pandemic in our communities, the fact of the matter is, this virus doesn't care about any town, city, or county boundary.

*It doesn't care what side of the county line you live on, and frankly, folks, this piecemeal approach is not working.*

We need to get back to working together statewide to flatten the curve and to prevent the spread of this virus.

So I am calling on Wisconsinites to stick to their Wisconsin values of kindness,

empathy, and respect and to wear a mask whenever you are out and about.

The most important thing you can do is serve as an example to those around you by wearing a mask or face covering, practicing physical distancing, and following best safety practices.

*While I know emotions are high when it comes to wearing face coverings in public, I want to remind everyone that we are in a battle against this virus, not each other.*

Let's mask up, Wisconsin, and let's work together to get our state back on track.  
Thank you.