

# Gov. Evers: Reflects on One Year of COVID-19 Response, Looks Ahead to Statewide Bounce Back

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MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers today delivered the Democratic Radio Address reflecting on the one year anniversary of his first statewide Public Health Emergency declaration on COVID-19 and his plan to ensure Wisconsin bounces back and better.

*Hey, everyone. Governor Tony Evers here.*

*One year ago, on March 12th, I declared our first statewide Public Health Emergency for COVID-19.*

*At that time there was still so many unknowns. Not only in the nature of the virus itself, but what it would mean for our families, workers and businesses, and our communities.*

*We never could have known the tragedy it would bring to the families and loved ones of more than 6,500 Wisconsinites who died this year.*

*As we keep those lost in our hearts and on our minds, we now see light at the end of the tunnel.*

*Our vaccination program continues to expand and grow, and more than one million Wisconsinites have received their first dose and another more than 600,000 have completed their vaccine series.*

*And Wisconsin continues to be a national and regional leader in getting vaccines in arms.*

*As we see the road to recovery ahead of us and with federal relief funds on the way, it's time for Wisconsin's bounce back.*

*But we can't just bounce back to the way things were before, we need to look forward and beyond the pandemic to build the future we want for our state.*

*That's what my Badger Bounceback budget is all about.*

*Whether it's investing in broadband to help businesses grow, students learn, and communities connect, expanding BadgerCare to ensure more Wisconsinites have healthcare coverage, or investing in our kids and schools, and the UW System and Technical Colleges to ensure we are building the next generation of innovators and leaders, there is obviously much work ahead of us.*

*Let's get this done and let's bounce back better. Take care, Wisconsin. Thank you.*