

## Assembly Democrats' COVID Response Bill

The Assembly Democrats' COVID Response Bill is centered on Governor Evers' proposal from November 2020. It focuses on protecting the health and safety of Wisconsin families and setting up our state for economic recovery. Below is a summary of the main bill components.

1. **Funding and policies for continued public health response efforts** - total of \$466m
  - a. COVID-19 testing: continue funding community testing sites - \$58m
  - b. Contact Tracing: further expand state and local contact tracing - \$36m
  - c. Testing Supplies and Lab Diagnostic Materials: distribute to testing sites statewide - \$255m
  - d. Hospital System Surge Capacity Support, including alternate care facility operations - \$105m
  - e. Vaccine distribution & awareness - \$12m
  - f. Policies to improve access to health care & reduce the cost of health care services
  
2. **Funding for COVID-19 economic relief programs** (all currently funded by CARES) - total of \$140m
  - a. [Wisconsin Rental Assistance Program](#) (housed at DOA) - \$30m GPR
  - b. [Food Security Initiative](#) (housed at DATCP) - \$10m GPR
  - c. [Child Care Counts Supplementary Payment Program](#) (housed at DCF) - \$25m GPR
  - d. [We're All In small business grants](#) (housed at WEDC) - \$75m GPR
  
3. **Health Care Heroes** [[LRB 6233/1](#)]
  - a. Provide benefits for certain health care workers, including hazard pay, paid sick leave due to COVID, state-funded testing and treatment
  - b. Allow health care providers to apply to the state for reimbursement of hazard pay, paid sick leave
  - c. Accept the Medicaid expansion
  
4. **Medical Assistance (MA) payments to hospitals during public health emergency**
  - a. MA payments to hospitals for nursing facility level of care
  - b. MA payments for outpatient hospital services
  
5. **Flexibility for calculation of school district pupil count**
  - a. For the purposes of counting per pupil aid in 2020-21, 2021-22, and 2022-23 school years, allow the school district's pupil enrollment in the 2020-21 school year to be the great of its pupil enrollment in the 2019-20 or 2020-21 school year