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## **Wisconsin Supreme Court Strikes Down Statewide Mask Mandate**

**Madison, WI** – After months of deliberations, the Wisconsin Supreme Court ruled 4-3 for the statewide mask mandate to be overturned, issuing a 78 page decision. The Court ruled that without the authority granted by the legislative branch to issue new emergency orders, any existing order is now unlawful.

Sixty days after an emergency order is enacted, the legislature holds the jurisdiction over whether or not the order is to be extended or repealed. On February 4, 2021, the legislature voted to repeal the Governors emergency order, only to have him enact a nearly identical emergency order minutes later.

"As I work to represent my constituents and my district, this has no longer become an issue of whether or not the mask mandate should be in place," said Representative David Steffen. "This has become a matter of Governor Evers' abusing his Constitutional powers and massive government overreach. Without the approval of the legislature, this emergency order is illegal. Plain and simple."

The Courts decision to overturn the statewide emergency order will not change the ability of local governments to issue their own mandates.

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