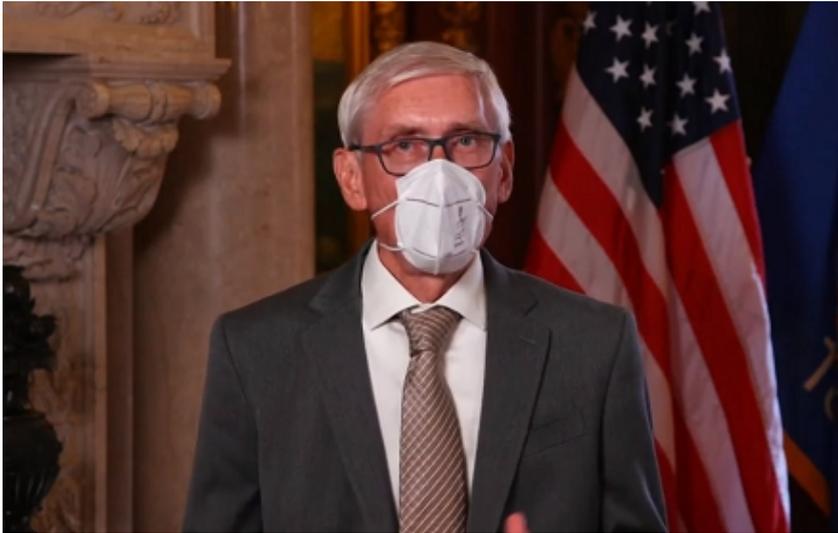


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MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers Thursday delivered the Democratic Radio Address on the need for statewide mitigation efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19 and issuing a new public health emergency to extend into January 2021.

[Audio file of radio address.](#)

*Hello, Wisconsin. Governor Tony Evers here.*

*Nearly two months ago, we issued our current public health emergency on September 22nd.*

*Back then, our 7-day average of daily new positive cases was around 1,800.*

*Unfortunately, things have worsened quickly since then.*

*We've now more than tripled our 7-day average, averaging now 6,400 new positive cases per day.*

*The number of confirmed COVID-19 cases has tripled—we have now almost 324,000 positive cases in Wisconsin and our total number of COVID-19 deaths is 2,741.*

*And our current public health emergency expires this Saturday, November 21st.*

*But it's clear based on where we're headed, we cannot afford to stop or have a gap in some of our only mitigation efforts we still have in place.*

*That's why I will be declaring a new state of emergency this week and extending our public health emergency until January of next year.*

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*We will also be reissuing Emergency Order #1 requiring face coverings in public places.*

*We’ve got a long road ahead of us, Wisconsin, but we need to buckle down and get through this together until then.*

*As always, please, stay home. Wear a mask if you have to go out, and otherwise stay home.*

*Call it what you want—flattening the curve, stopping the spread, staying safer at home... I’m going to call it what it is—saving lives. Thank you.*