
FISCAL UPDATE Article

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Wisconsin Legislature. The Wisconsin Assembly adjourned in February 2020, and the Wisconsin Senate's March floor period has been postponed due to the COVID-19. The legislature plans to call an extraordinary session this spring.

Safer at Home Order. On March 25, 2020, Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers declared a "Safer at Home order" for the state of Wisconsin. The order remains in effect until April 24, 2020, or until a superseding order is issued.

Under the order, all those present within the state are ordered to stay at home, with the following exceptions: essential activities, essential governmental functions, essential businesses and operations (health care and human services, etc.), minimum basic operations, essential travel, and special situations as defined in the order. Individuals will still be permitted to leave their home for health and safety and to obtain necessary supplies and services, engage in outdoor activity, perform certain types of work, and take care of others.

Essential activities under the order include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Restaurants and bars (takeout or delivery service only)
- Child care facilities (prioritizing families with needs as outlined in the order)
- Organizations that provide charitable and social services
- Gas stations and businesses needed for transportation
- Financial institutions and services
- Hardware and supplies stores, laundry services, and businesses that sell supplies to work from home
- Mail/delivery
- Transportation
- Hotels/motels

The order is enforceable by any local law enforcement official, including county sheriffs. Violation of the order is punishable by up to 30 days of imprisonment or up to a \$250 fine. The full text of the order may be found here: evers.wi.gov/Documents/COVID19/EMO12-SaferAtHome.pdf

Cases. As of March 26, 2020, the state of Wisconsin has the following COVID-19 test results: 707 positive results, 11,583 negative results, and 8 deaths. Milwaukee County has the highest number of cases with 347 positive tests and 5 deaths in the county. For the latest information, visit the Wisconsin Department of Health Services [website](#).

Sources

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