As we battle the new surge of COVID-19, remember we are in a battle against this virus, not each other.

MADISON - Gov. Tony Evers today delivered the Democratic Radio Address on Emergency Order #1
requiring face coverings statewide to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Audio file of radio address.

Hi, folks. Governor Tony Evers here.

As we battle the new surge of COVID-19 across our state, today I announced a new face covering order that goes into effect at 12:01 a.m. on August 1st.

This order requires every Wisconsinite 5 years or older to wear a face covering or mask whenever they are out in public and are indoors or in an public enclosed space like an outdoor bar or a taxi.

While our local health departments have been doing a heck of a job responding to this pandemic in our communities, the fact of the matter is, this virus doesn't care about any town, city, or county boundary.

It doesn't care what side of the county line you live on, and frankly, folks, this piecemeal approach is not working.

We need to get back to working together statewide to flatten the curve and to prevent the spread of this virus.

So I am calling on Wisconsinites to stick to their Wisconsin values of kindness, empathy, and respect and to wear a mask whenever you are out and about.

The most important thing you can do is serve as an example to those around you by wearing a mask or face covering, practicing physical distancing, and following best safety practices.

While I know emotions are high when it comes to wearing face coverings in public, I want to remind everyone that we are in a battle against this virus, not each other.

Let's mask up, Wisconsin, and let's work together to get our state back on track. Thank you.