



To: Members of the Wisconsin State Legislature

Date: January 26, 2021

From: Wisconsin Health Care Association/Wisconsin Center for Assisted Living
Wisconsin Hospital Association
LeadingAge Wisconsin
Wisconsin Assisted Living Association
Disability Service Provider Network

Re: Support of Emergency Order #1

The Wisconsin Health Care Association/Wisconsin Center for Assisted Living, the Wisconsin Hospital Association, LeadingAge Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Assisted Living Association, and Disability Service Provider Network today registered their opposition to Senate Joint Resolution 3, a legislative proposal which, if passed by both chambers of the State Legislature, would terminate Emergency Order 1.

Representing Wisconsin's acute, post-acute, and long-term care providers, the organizations agree that masking is an important tool to help Wisconsin resume pre-COVID-19 activities. Our organizations urge lawmakers to reconsider this effort to end the Governor's masking order, as the use of face coverings is a valuable method to decrease the likelihood of transmission of COVID-19. We all share the same goal of getting back to healthy, thriving communities by overcoming this pandemic. But, we are not at the finish line yet.

Our organizations recognize and appreciate the work of Wisconsin residents in helping to curb this pandemic by masking up and taking necessary precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19. We appreciate the support of elected officials from across the state of Wisconsin who have echoed this important message.