

GOVERNOR'S VETO MESSAGE

April 15, 2022

To the Honorable Members of the Assembly:

I am vetoing **Assembly Bill 299** in its entirety.

This bill would prohibit any governmental entity from requiring a person to provide proof that the person has received a vaccine against the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus in order to receive any services, conduct any business, access any building, or participate in any government function. In addition, this bill would prohibit any person, firm, partnership, corporation, association, or other legal entity, including a nonprofit organization, engaged in any enterprise in this state from requiring a person to provide proof that the person has received a vaccine against the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus in order to receive any services, conduct any business, access any building or participate in any non-private function.

I am vetoing this bill in its entirety because I object to the Legislature's continued efforts to inject partisan politics and rhetoric into public health practices by preventing public entities and businesses from making decisions that work for them, their customers, their workers, and their operations to help prevent and suppress the spread of COVID-19. As I previously said in my veto messages for Assembly Bill 1 and Assembly Bill 23, respectively, our response to this pandemic should be focused on following the science and the advice of public health experts and working together to save as many lives as we can - not on finding ways to make it harder to fight this virus or keep Wisconsinites healthy and safe. Private entities and businesses should remain free to implement COVID-19 mitigation measures to keep themselves, employees, and customers safe without unnecessary, political interference from this Legislature.

I remain committed to doing everything I can to keep Wisconsinites healthy and safe, by following the science and the advice of public health experts and putting people first.

Respectfully submitted,
TONY EVERS
Governor