

American Bridge 21st Century: Ron Johnson's anti-anti-COVID rhetoric is pro-pandemic

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Rather than encourage Wisconsinites and Americans to get one of the various [safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines](#), **Ron Johnson, “[who contracted Covid, but still hasn't gotten vaccinated, continues to push misinformation that is literally making people sick.](#)”**

On top of [leading the charge against](#) the American Rescue Plan COVID-19 relief bill — which included relief checks, the expanded child tax credit, and funding for vaccines, schools, and businesses — **Johnson has engaged in months of persistent anti-anti-COVID rhetoric — echoed in multiple interviews each week.** The latest example: Yesterday [on the “Bold and Blunt” podcast](#), **Johnson continued to advocate the use of ivermectin, despite [an FDA warning](#) and multiple [state poison control centers](#) issuing advisories against the drug's use to treat COVID-19.**

Defiantly insisting, **“I don't care what drug will work. Try a bunch of them,” Johnson also baselessly accused the FDA of “attacking me”** — all because [the FDA said](#) that humans shouldn't take medication that's been formulated for animal use.

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[Read the latest coverage on Ron Johnson pushing dangerous, false “treatments” that have people around the country calling poison control:](#)

WIZM: [Unless you are a horse don't take ivermectin](#)

- “It should not have to be said. You are not a horse, you are not a cow. That is the message from the Food and Drug Administration to those considering taking the drug ivermectin.”
- “Yet Johnson, who contracted Covid, but still hasn’t gotten vaccinated, continues to push misinformation that is literally making people sick.”

Spectrum News 1 Wisconsin: [Doctors warn against livestock drug as COVID-19 treatment](#)

- “MILWAUKEE— The FDA this week again warned Americans not to take ivermectin— a drug primarily used as a livestock dewormer— after various cable news guests and politicians, including Wisconsin Sen. Ron Johnson, have continued to advocate for its possible use as a COVID-19 treatment for months.”

KXAN-TV: [Texas Poison Control says calls about ivermectin livestock dewormer on the rise, medication not](#)

- “Several notable conservative personalities have promoted the medication, including Fox News host Laura Ingraham and Republican Sen. Ron Johnson.”

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel: [‘You are not a horse. You are not a cow’: FDA issues blunt warning on taking ivermectin, drug promoted by Ron Johnson to treat COVID-19](#)

- “For months, Republican U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson has been talking up the anti-parasitic drug ivermectin as part of a cocktail of repurposed drugs for early treatment of COVID-19.”
- “On Saturday, the Food and Drug Administration issued a blunt warning for people not to use ivermectin to treat COVID-19.”

Urban Milwaukee: [Johnson Opposes Ventilators, Pushes Horse Medicine](#)

- “Wisconsin’s Republican U.S. Senator Ron Johnson has come out with yet another statement opposing recommended medical treatments for COVID-19.”
- “On Friday Johnson also issued a tweet backing the use of ivermectin to fight COVID-19.”

STAT: [Ivermectin for Covid-19: abundance of hype, dearth of evidence](#)

- “Yet ivermectin boosters and merchants have convinced many to use this therapy for Covid-19 [...] In June, YouTube suspended the account of Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.), a member of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, for a week for spreading misinformation about ivermectin and hydroxychloroquine.”

Vice: [Anti-Vaxxers Move the Goalposts After FDA Approves COVID Vaccine](#)

- “[R]ight on cue, anti-vaxxer social media influencers and Republican politicians are finding new reasons to oppose the vaccine.”
- “Even before the FDA gave full approval, Sen. Ron Johnson, a Wisconsin Republican who has for months criticized the outreach campaign to get people vaccinated, argued that the approval process was rushed due to politics.”