

WisDems: Johnson doubles down on opposition to FDA approved Pfizer vaccine as cases rise across Wisconsin

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Madison, Wis. — As the Delta variant causes COVID cases to rise across Wisconsin, Ron Johnson has doubled down on his anti-vaccine rhetoric. Johnson [sent a letter to the FDA](#) falsely claiming that the drug that was certified is different from the one being used when in fact the [two drugs are the same and were created in a joint effort by Pfizer and BioNTech](#).

“Ron Johnson’s continued efforts to dissuade people from getting vaccinated are the reason we’re seeing Wisconsin ICUs filling nearly to capacity, businesses worrying how they’ll survive a COVID resurgence, and parents wondering how they can keep their children safe,” Democratic Party of Wisconsin Senate Communications Advisor Philip Shulman said.

Johnson’s latest dangerous stunt comes in a long line of actions and comments by Johnson that endanger Wisconsin’s public health and prolong the COVID-19 pandemic:

- Johnson routinely [discourages people from getting vaccinated, brags about not being vaccinated](#) himself, and uses [unsubstantiated claims to argue the vaccine is dangerous](#), despite the shot being highly effective at preventing hospitalizations and death.
- He frequently pushes debunked and dangerous alternative medicine such as [hydroxychloroquine](#) and [Ivermectin](#), a common [horse medicine, and](#) used his Senate panel to elevate disgraced [medical professionals who push disproven](#)

[alternative medicine](#).

- He repeatedly [questions the effectiveness of masks](#), despite them being supported by medical experts.