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MADISON, Wis. — Yesterday, Ron Johnson continued his dangerous COVID-19 misinformation campaign as he claimed ventilators, which have been critical in saving COVID-19 patients’ lives, “[were probably doing more harm than good](#),” and [touted](#) the use of Ivermectin, [an antiparasitic drug commonly used to treat horses](#). Doctors and health officials have warned that Ivermectin is a dangerous and ineffective COVID treatment which has [led to spikes in hospitalizations](#) for those ingesting the animal-grade version of the drug.

“In Ron Johnson’s mission to undermine public health, he has deterred Wisconsinites from getting vaccinated, pushed unproven and dangerous alternative medicine, and made wildly outrageous claims that make it harder for our frontline workers to do their jobs safely,” said Democratic Party of Wisconsin Senate Communications Advisor Philip Shulman. “Johnson’s self-serving political games are having very real consequences, endangering the lives of Wisconsinites and Americans and exacerbating the grief so many families are feeling from losing a loved one to this deadly virus.”

This 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.