

# American Bridge: Despite Trump criticism, 2022 Republicans refuse to get vaccinated, disclose status

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A new report from ABC News [highlights](#) that **a number of Republican candidates running in 2022 are refusing to get the COVID vaccines or disclose their vaccination status — “even as former President Donald Trump calls on his followers to get the vaccine,”** and the candidates aggressively court Trump for his endorsement.

**Via [ABC News](#), here’s a look at some of the 2022 Republicans who want Trump’s support but he would consider “gutless”:**

- **AZ-GOV:** “Former television anchor **Kari Lake**, who Trump endorsed in the state’s gubernatorial primary, said recently that she has ‘enough concern about the vaccine’ to not take it.”
- **AZ-SEN:** “**Justin Olson**, a candidate for U.S. Senate in Arizona, also said this month that he has not been vaccinated — calling his decision ‘an issue of rebellion against’ the Biden administration’s vaccine mandates.” And “Arizona Attorney General **Mark Brnovich**, who is also running for U.S. Senate, has mocked reporters who have questioned him about it.”
- **FL-GOV:** “Florida Gov. **Ron DeSantis**, a longtime Trump ally, has dodged questions about whether he’s received a booster shot.”

- **GA-SEN:** “Former NFL running back **Herschel Walker**, who earned Trump’s endorsement for U.S. Senate in Georgia, has declined to say whether he has been vaccinated.”
- **OH-SEN:** “The early frontrunner in Ohio’s GOP primary for U.S. Senate, **Josh Mandel**, has aligned himself with Trump but recently implied that he has not been vaccinated.”
- **WI-SEN:** “Sen. **Ron Johnson**, R-Wisc., enthusiastically accepted Trump’s endorsement for reelection, even as he continues to stoke anti-vaccine fears.”

Read the full report from ABC News: [Candidates’ vaccine hesitancy ‘demonstrates the limits’ of Trump’s grip on GOP, say experts](#)