

# U.S. Sen. Johnson: Requests information from Dept. of Defense on COVID-19 vaccines' harmful effects on service members

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**WASHINGTON** – On Monday, U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.), ranking member of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, sent a letter to Defense Health Agency Director Lieutenant General Ronald Place requesting detailed information about claims filed on Tricare, a military healthcare program, for active duty service members related to COVID-19 and potential COVID-19 vaccine injuries.

“Although the Biden Administration’s COVID-19 vaccine mandate for the military will end with the signing of the Fiscal Year 2023 National Defense Authorization Act, my efforts to uncover and expose the vaccines’ harmful effect on our service members will continue. The brave men and women who serve our country deserve to know the truth about the short and long-term health effects these mandated vaccines will have on the rest of their lives,” **the senator wrote.**

Sen. Johnson has heard from many whistleblowers — including [service members](#) — raising concerns about the safety and efficacy of the COVID-19 vaccines. He has led multiple [roundtables](#) addressing pandemic response failures and has written over 45 public letters to federal health agencies demanding transparency about the COVID-19 vaccines. Last week, Sen. Johnson [offered](#) an amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act that would have provided additional protections for service members who were negatively impacted by the Department of Defense’s pointless and harmful COVID-19 vaccine policy.

Sen. Johnson requested Lt. Gen. Place respond to his letter no later than January 9,

2023.

Read more about the letter in [The Post Millennial](#).

The full text of the letter can be found [here](#) and below.

December 19, 2022

Lt. Gen. Ronald J. Place

Director

Defense Health Agency

Dear Lt. Gen. Place:

Over the last year, I have heard from countless individuals across the country who have suffered life-altering injuries after receiving COVID-19 vaccines. My office has also been in contact with many men and woman of the U.S. military who have shared their concerns about the Department of Defense's (DoD) pointless and harmful COVID-19 vaccine policy. In an effort to inform the public of the potential harm caused by these vaccines, I held three roundtables on this topic and have sent multiple letters to federal health agencies—including DoD—requesting information on vaccine safety and efficacy.<sup>[1]</sup> Unfortunately, despite the unprecedented number of adverse events and deaths associated with the COVID-19 vaccines on the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System, this administration has failed to provide full and transparent information on vaccine safety to Congress and to the public.

Although the Biden Administration's COVID-19 vaccine mandate for the military will end with the signing of the Fiscal Year 2023 National Defense Authorization Act, my efforts to uncover and expose the vaccines' harmful effect on our service members will continue. The brave men and women who serve our country deserve to know the truth about the short and long-term health effects these mandated vaccines will have on the rest of their lives.

As part of my effort to uncover the truth, I request the following information from Tricare for active duty service members:

1. From January 1, 2017 - present, please provide the following annual data:

- a. Total number of claims filed; and
  - b. Total number of hospitalization claims filed.
2. From January 1, 2020 – present, please provide the following annual data:
  - a. Total number of claims filed relating to a COVID-19 diagnosis;
  - b. Of those claims, please provide the number of:
    - i. Hospitalizations;
    - ii. Remdesivir treatments;
    - iii. Ventilator usages;
    - iv. Treatments with no hospitalizations;
    - v. No treatments and no hospitalizations; and
    - vi. Deaths.
3. From January 1, 2017 – present, please provide data by year for the number of claims filed relating to the following diagnoses:
  - a. Breast cancer;
  - b. Demyelinating;
  - c. Female infertility;
  - d. Guillain-Barre syndrome;
  - e. Hypertension;
  - f. Malignant neoplasms of esophagus;
  - g. Malignant neoplasms of digestive organs;
  - h. Malignant neoplasms of thyroid and other endocrine glands;
  - i. Migraines;
  - j. Multiple sclerosis;
  - k. Myocarditis;
  - l. Pericarditis;
  - m. Pulmonary embolism;
  - n. Ovarian dysfunction;
  - o. Tachycardia; and
  - p. Testicular cancer.
4. Please provide the number of service members who received at least one shot of the COVID-19 vaccine.
  - a. Of those individuals, please provide a monthly breakdown of the number

of claims filed between January 1, 2020 – present for each diagnoses listed above.

5. Please provide the total number of deaths that occurred in days 0 through 7 after a service member received at least one shot of the COVID-19 vaccine.
  - a. Of those individuals that died in days 0 through 7 after receipt of a COVID-19 vaccine:
    - i. How many had a preexisting medical condition?
    - ii. What were the official causes of death?

Please provide this information as soon as possible but no later than January 9, 2023. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,