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Ron DeSantis Hires New Surgeon General Who's Anti-Vaxx and Anti-Mask

*Today, Governor Ron DeSantis announced Dr. Joseph Ladapo as Florida's newest surgeon general and secretary of Florida's Department of Health, who has a history of going against science when it comes to the COVID-19 pandemic. **DNC spokesperson Adonna Biel released the following statement:***

"There has been no governor who has been more pro-COVID than Ron DeSantis and his newest hire, Dr. Joseph Ladapo, is further confirmation of that. Instead of going with a trusted advocate for science, DeSantis is once again playing games with peoples' lives by appointing someone who has trafficked anti-vaccine and anti-mask rhetoric. The American people are ready to return to normalcy and the DeSantis playbook of prolonging the pandemic is dangerous and wreaking havoc on his own state."

A look at Ladapo's history on COVID-19:

- [Opinion by Joseph Ladapo, Wall Street Journal](#): **Are Covid Vaccines Riskier Than Advertised?**
- [Opinion by Joseph Ladapo, Wall Street Journal](#): **Vaccine Mandates Can't Stop Covid's Spread**
- [Opinion by Joseph Ladapo, Wall Street Journal](#): **Masks Are a Distraction From the Pandemic Reality**

- [Opinion by Joseph Ladapo, New York Daily News: Let's all be honest about hydroxychloroquine: Evidence is more positive than many in the medical community admit](#)
- [Featured as an 'expert' in a video undermining public health guidance:](#)
 - [USA Today](#): "Tech platforms scrambled this week to delete a video featuring seven doctors who claimed their front-line knowledge of the pandemic contradicts the guidance of public health experts... Dr. Joe Ladapo, a UCLA physician who appeared in the video, told USA TODAY in an email that he appeared at the event 'because I believe it's critically important for us to have a discussion that includes different perspectives about our approach to COVID-19.'"

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