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## **Republican Leadership Discovers Immunization Registry Violations**

**BOISE, Idaho** – Republican Leadership from the Idaho House and Senate just received credible information that the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (IDHW) is and has been registering the immunization status of Idaho adults for years.

“This practice goes beyond simple regulatory overreach. This has the potential to be an abuse of the people’s trust,” said Speaker of the House Scott Bedke. “We believe Department of Health and Welfare has no statutory authority to collect immunization data on Idaho adults.”

As part of their due diligence, several members of the Legislature requested their own personal records that may have been reported to IRIS to trace the reporting of COVID-19 vaccines. These requests resulted in multiple reports listing adult vaccination records for multiple different vaccines over multiple years.

“We believe that Health and Welfare should cease these adult vaccination registration activities into IRIS and that they remove any adult information they’ve collected, over the years” said President Pro Tempore Chuck Winder. “This registry is intended to protect Idaho children and instead it’s being used to collect Idahoans’ health information without their knowledge.”

The voluntary immunization registry authorized by Idaho Statute is for “the immunization status of Idaho children against childhood diseases.” Nowhere does Idaho law authorize the collection of immunization information about adults.

House and Senate Leadership have formally requested Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden investigate IDHW’s actions and keep them apprised of his efforts.

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