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Assembly approves vaccination, religious freedom measures

The Assembly today passed legislation to prevent violations of religious practice and protect personal health care decisions.

[Assembly Bill 24](#), which Rep. Scott Allen (R-Waukesha) coauthored, would prevent local health officials from closing places of worship and forbidding religious gatherings during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We are designed for community, in our schools, city halls, and places of worship, and the First Amendment reflects that reality” said Rep. Allen. “We cannot ignore the mental and spiritual well-being of our faith communities. The responsibility is on spiritual leaders and individuals to take practical steps to stay safe, not government. We can stay safe and make choices without discarding the First Amendment.”

The choice whether or not to receive a vaccination was also protected by the Assembly. [Assembly Bill 23](#) would prohibit government officials from mandating vaccination against COVID-19. [Assembly Bill 25](#) would prohibit employers from mandating COVID-19 vaccination as a condition of employment. Rep. Allen coauthored both bills.

“There is no compelling reason for government officials or employers to force individuals to receive a vaccination,” said Rep. Allen. “Requiring a uniform is one thing – it’s temporary. A vaccine is forever. An employer should not have that much control.”

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The 97th Assembly District includes portions of the City and Village of Waukesha and the Towns of Genesee, and Mukwonago.