‘Democrats are trying to restart COVID hysteria’: Ideological clashes escalate with arrival of new booster shots

The Food and Drug Administration’s approval of updated booster shots to combat the recent uptick in COVID-19 infections can only mean one thing: It’s time for extremist Republicans to play politics again with a serious public health issue.

After Donald Trump’s mismanagement of the pandemic cost nearly 400,000 American lives, one would think the country would have learned its lesson. But as COVID cases, hospitalizations, and even deaths rise, Trump and his wannabes are seeking to politicize the virus.

“The radical Democrats are trying hard to restart COVID hysteria,” Trump said during a recent campaign stop in South Dakota. “I wonder why. Is there an election coming up by any chance?”

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By now, Americans should be beyond exhausted by the reckless efforts of the GOP’s extreme wing to gain some kind of political leverage from a pandemic that has claimed more than 1.1 million lives in our nation and which managed to cripple the global economy. But far too many Republican officials are frauds when it comes to important issues such as science, climate change, and even democracy. Rather than follow facts, they will say and do anything to court hard-line MAGA Republican voters to stay in power.

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