

struck a deal with Republicans to give them an extra seat on the committee in exchange for a commitment that they would stop delay tactics in the Oregon Legislature.

The deal gives Republicans more power to flip swing districts — such as Schrader's — to red.

"I think the (Oregon) legislature is guarding itself pretty closely about its job, not my job, apparently," Schrader said. "I'd like to think they occasionally take into account what I'm thinking and what work I've done, but it does not appear to be that way so far."

No matter what happens with redistricting, Schrader said he plans to run again.

"Everyone I'm sure wants to get a better D district or a better R district. I don't" said Schrader. "I like representing a diverse district. I enjoy that in a perverse way I guess. I feel it makes me a better legislator and better for the district."

**COVID surges in Oregon**

Oregon's daily COVID cases and hospitalizations are nearly double their previous peak in December 2020.

When asked what he's doing in D.C. to address the surging COVID numbers, Schrader said he's continuing

to stress the importance of getting vaccinated.

"I think it's disrespectful to your fellow American citizens, frankly, to not get a vaccination and put your friends, family, coworkers at risk," Schrader said.

Schrader didn't have much sympathy for those that claim it's their right not to get vaccinated, either.

"Here's my little saying: freedom or liberty without responsibility — that's anarchy. That's just every man or woman for themselves. To hell with my neighbor. I don't care if you get sick," Schrader said. "That's not liberty, that's taking advantage of people. That's anarchy. You're just like the Antifa people or the Proud Boys if you're like that."

Schrader said the longer people stay unvaccinated, the longer the virus will stick around and continue to mutate. Schrader was a veterinarian before becoming a representative and has seen how these viruses can grow stronger.

"If we have a continued reservoir of unvaccinated people, this bug will get stronger and stronger and it will affect more and more people. It will put our children at risk, we are starting to see that," said Schrader. "That to me isn't a freedom issue, that's you being selfish and you being very un-American at the end of the day."



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