



SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE TARRANT COUNTY

Health Resources: Coronavirus (COVID-19)

May 30, 2020

Hydroxychloroquine Drug Trial Halted...

The World Health Organization has halted clinical trials that use the drug Hydroxychloroquine to treat COVID-19 patients. Trials were stopped after the medical journal [The Lancet](#) reported that patients taking the drug were dying at higher rates than patients not on the drug. *Source: NPR*

COVID-19 Cases Top 1.7 million...

CDC 5/29/20	Cases	Deaths
US	1,737,950	102,785
TX	62,338	1,648
Collin	1,278	34
Dallas	9,787	223
Denton	1,329	30
Tarrant	5,379	160

The Bottom Line... COVID-19 death rates must result in a “Call To Action” for all of us! Our society must take notice of the impact of the current and future viruses and take action to create economic and health systems that remove the disparities among socio-economic and racial groups and improve the living conditions and health of all citizens.

Take The Time... To Remember US Reaches 100,000 COVID-19 Deaths

5/27/20 As the US reaches an *unbelievable milestone* of 100,000 deaths, we pause to remember those who have died and give our condolences to their families and friends. Let’s remember the healthcare and essential workers who have given their lives in service to all of us to keep our lives and the economy going and care for the sick. We continue to send our thoughts and positive energy to all who are ill and those caring for them. See NY Times [Sunday front page](#) dedication.

As our society “opens up”, COVID-19 continues to circulate, infect a growing number of people and increase deaths. We should be aware of the impact of the virus on three specific groups.

- 1) People with multiple underlying health conditions such as heart, lung and diabetic conditions are at increased risk of severe complications from COVID-19. Some 78% of ICU and 71% of hospitalized COVID-19 patients have one or more health conditions.
- 2) Black Americans have a disproportionate share of COVID-19 deaths. African Americans make up 13% of the US population but account for 23% of the deaths.
- 3) The #1 COVID infection problem is in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. As of May, 43% of all COVID-19 deaths are from residents in these facilities. But, the 2.1 million Americans living in nursing facilities represent only 0.62% of the US population.

Protect Yourself-Stay Home-Wear Mask-Wash Hands

US Terminates Relationship with the World Health Organization...

May 29, 2020 The US terminated the relationship with the *World Health Organization (WHO)* over its response to COVID-19. The President accused WHO of being under China's "total control" and failing to make reforms requested by the US. The US gives \$400 million annually to WHO. Public health experts warned that suspension of funds would damage WHO.

* The American Medical Association statement said the decision to cut ties with WHO "serves no logical purpose... This senseless action will have significant repercussions now and far beyond this perilous moment, particularly as the WHO is leading worldwide vaccine development and drug trials to combat the pandemic." The AMA urged President Trump to reverse course. "COVID-19 affects us all and does not respect borders; defeating it requires the entire world working together."

* Senator Lamar Alexander (R-Tenn.) Senate Health Committee, said the US should review mistakes by the WHO after the public health crisis is over. "Withdrawing could make it harder to work with other countries to stop viruses before they get to the US." Congress allocated funding for the WHO could challenge the President's decision in court. *Source:* The Hill

IRS Sending Stimulus Money On A VISA Debit Card Don't Throw Away Your Junk Mail...

The Internal Revenue Service is mailing the ***Economic Impact Payments (stimulus payments)*** with a VISA Debit Card to millions of Americans instead of checks. The cards are being sent to people who do not have a bank account on file with the IRS.

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Sources: IRS.gov or EIPCard.com