



SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE TARRANT COUNTY

Health Resources: Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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Food and Drug Administration

(FDA)... is responsible for ensuring that human and veterinary drugs, vaccines, biological products and medical devices are safe and effective. Drugs are given “FDA Approval” and “Emergency Use Authorization”. *Source: fda.gov*

FDA/Medicare Fraud Alerts...

report fraudulent products being marketed online and in stores with claims of preventing, treating and curing COVID-19. Included: *fake drugs *colloidal silver *protective equipment *test kits *charities. Calls offering “stimulus checks” and asking for bank account #s are frauds. The IRS will not call you. Avoid online ads/email/phone solicitations/claims by tv personalities/politicians. *Sources: fda.gov medicare.gov*

FDA Resources for Patients

<https://www.fda.gov/patients/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-resources-patients>

Opening Texas Executive Orders

New Guideline expansions effective May 18-June 3, 2020 for business/ services include travel/sports/camps/ termination of self-quarantine orders. *Source: gov.texas.gov*

URGENT FDA ALERT ON DRUG: Hydroxychloroquine

Warning: The drug, Hydroxychloroquine, is not FDA approved and has not been shown to be safe and effective for treating or preventing COVID-19. It is not widely used by health professionals or the general population as stated by President Trump on 5/18/20.

The FDA issued warnings about hydroxychloroquine and chloroquine use for COVID-19 outside of the hospital setting or a clinical trial under the *Emergency Use Authorization* for coronavirus treatment. The drug is only approved for malaria, lupus and rheumatoid arthritis under strict medical supervision. There are no proven treatments or vaccines for COVID-19.

Facts About Hydroxychloroquine/Chloroquine:

- The FDA states that hydroxychloroquine and chloroquine either alone or with azithromycin can lead to: death, life-threatening events, birth defects, hospitalization, incapacity/disability, surgical/medical interventions.
- Side Effect Warnings to Physicians/Patients: The drugs can cause system problems in the heart, liver, kidneys, nervous system, eyes, skin (psoriasis), joints (arthritis), blood system, etc. and affects insulin levels in diabetics, causes drug interactions. Heart failure and death are common in COVID-19 trials.

The Bottom Line... Hydroxychloroquine can harm you. Take it only with a prescription from a doctor who is treating you. Fill the prescription at your pharmacy and never from an online source or solicitor. *Source: fda.gov*