

# *Donald Trump claims he's taking hydroxychloroquine despite warnings*

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Washington, May 19 (RHC)-- As confirmed U.S. deaths from COVID-19 topped 90,000, with over 1.5 million reported cases, President Donald Trump shocked reporters and the medical community Monday when he claimed he's been taking hydroxychloroquine for at least a week and a half — despite warnings from the Food and Drug Administration.

Multiple studies have concluded that hydroxychloroquine is not an effective treatment for COVID-19 and can in fact have dangerous side effects, including a high risk of cardiac arrest. The FDA issued a warning about self-medicating with the antimalarial drug last month following Trump's repeated remarks touting its effectiveness.

Earlier this week, Fox News host Neil Cavuto warned viewers about the dangers posed by the drug just moments after the president's remarks were broadcast. Cavuto said: "If you are in a risky population here and you are taking this as a preventative treatment to ward off the virus, or, in a worst-case scenario, you are dealing with the virus and you are in this vulnerable population, it will kill you."

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