

Inside Trump's coronavirus crisis

■ **Dec 31, 2019:** World Health Organization (WHO) reports that mysterious pneumonia is sickening dozens of people in Wuhan, China

■ **Jan 2020:** U.S. vaccine chief warns Trump administration about severe shortages of personal protective equipment (PPE) in national strategic stockpile

■ **Jan 21:** First case of coronavirus in U.S.

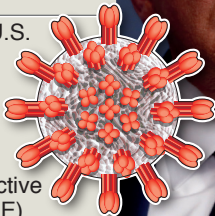
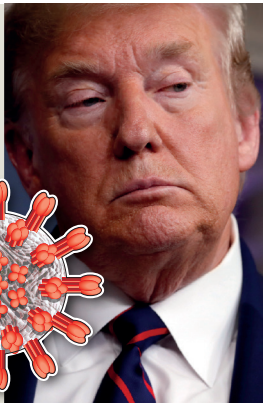
■ **Jan 22:** Asked if he is worried over possible pandemic, **President Trump** replies “No, not at all. We have it totally under control”

■ **Feb 6:** First U.S. death from Covid-19

■ **Feb 26:** Trump plays down threat of virus – “within a couple of days it is going to be down close to zero”

■ **Mar 6:** “Anybody that needs a test, gets a test.” Two months later less than 3% of population has been tested

■ **Mar 17:** As Covid-19 cases top 6,000, Trump says he had long seen pandemic coming



■ **Mar 24:** Trump wants nation “opened up and just raring to go by Easter.” Coronavirus task force warns death toll could surge to over 100,000 if lockdown is ended

■ **Mar 29:** Trump touts **Project Airbridge** – taxpayer-funded flights of PPE from Asia to U.S., organised by Trump’s son-in-law **Jared Kushner** (above left)

Hydroxychloroquine Sulfate Tablets, USP
200 mg



■ **Apr 5:** Trump touts anti-malarial drug hydroxychloroquine (HCQ) as coronavirus treatment despite government warnings that it can cause serious side effects

■ **Apr 14:** Trump announces he is halting funding to WHO

■ **Apr 23:** In off-the-cuff remarks, Trump muses over injecting people with disinfectants and exposing patients’ bodies to ultraviolet light to help treat coronavirus

■ **May 5:** So-called “cubic model” devised by Trump’s economic adviser, **Kevin Hassett**, (below right) shows Covid-19 deaths falling to zero by mid-May



■ **May 7:** Project Airbridge closes amid widespread allegations of profiteering by private companies

■ **May 14:** Trump administration blames lack of facemasks and other PPE on President **Barack Obama**

■ **May 18:** Trump says he is taking HCQ

■ **May 27:** U.S. reaches grim milestone of 100,000+ virus deaths

■ **May 29:** Trump announces that U.S. will terminate its membership of WHO