

Illness and death in the Oval Office

Under the 25th Amendment, a medically incapacitated president has the option of temporarily transferring power to the vice president. He can reclaim his authority whenever he deems himself fit for duty

Four presidents die in office

■ 1841: **William Henry Harrison**

■ 1850: **Zachary Taylor**

■ 1923: **Warren G. Harding**

■ 1945: **Franklin D. Roosevelt**



Four presidents are assassinated

■ 1865: **Abraham Lincoln**

■ 1881: **James A. Garfield**

■ 1901: **William McKinley**

■ 1963: **John F. Kennedy**



Presidents confronting life-threatening conditions

■ 1790: **George Washington** is feared close to death after he develops pneumonia amid influenza epidemic

■ 1955: **Dwight D. Eisenhower** suffers heart attack in his first term, stroke in 1957 during second term



■ 1985: President Reagan invokes 25th Amendment, briefly handing power to Vice President **George H.W. Bush** during colonoscopy

■ 2002, 2007: President **George W. Bush** invokes 25th Amendment – hands power to Vice President **Dick Cheney** during surgery



■ Oct 2, 2020: President **Donald Trump** announces on Twitter, that he and first lady **Melania Trump** have tested positive for coronavirus.

In his eighth decade of life, Trump is reported to have high cholesterol and tips scales at 110kg – considered obese for his height. Eight out of 10 of America's 207,800 coronavirus deaths have been among those aged 65 and older

