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Sent: Sat, 21 Mar 2020 07:38:39 -0400
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Subject: Re: COVID-19 information for the public

Thank you for your note.
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> On Mar 21, 2020, at 2:01 AM, Friedmann, Theodore <tfriedmann@health.ucsd.edu> wrote:

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> Dear Tony: I'm sure that you realize how dismayed and saddened many of us are at the inaccurate and harmful comments coming from our political leaders regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. That feeling hit a new height today with the irresponsible and nonsensical announcement from President Trump regarding his claimed effectiveness of chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine. This announcement and many other untruths were delusional, irrational, unscientific and revealed a profoundly harmful and unethical betrayal by President Trump his responsibility to protect the health of the public that puts the republic in severe danger. I was very glad to hear your public comments that countered this horribly dangerous misinformation. I hope that your message falls on receptive ears in the public and leads to a major change in the kind of public announcements that are currently being foisted on the desperate public who depend on knowing and acting based on the truth. Please continue and even expand your role as the truth teller in the who crowded collection of muzzled officials and sycophants who seem to be more devoted to deceiving the public rather than preparing the public for hard truths and solving the logistics failures of masks, availability of testing kits. Please continue your brave and essential role as honest broker that you play valiantly privately during your policy discussions that the public also deserves to know about the wrong and unethical self-serving propaganda that the public is fed by President Trump and some other members of the Corona Virus task force. It is a deadly governmental game. I wish you good luck in alerting the public to this immoral, unethical and deadly plague of governmental misinformation designed to shape political quandaries rather than public welfare. Please continue speaking out about public misinformation.

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> Ted Friedmann, MD

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