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| **Trump appears to acknowledge for first time that Biden could *succeed* him**  **WASHINGTON – President Donald Trump insisted on Friday he would never put the United States into a coronavirus lockdown but said “time will tell” if another administration takes office in January and does so, the closest he has come to acknowledging that President-elect Joe Biden could succeed him.**  In his first public **remarks** since Biden last Saturday was widely projected the winner, Trump said he expects a coronavirus vaccine to be available for the entire population as soon as April, amid a **crush** of new infections that has pushed daily case counts to record highs.  In broadcast remarks in the White House Rose Garden, Trump also appeared to acknowledge for the first time the possibility of an upcoming Biden administration, though he stopped short of **conceding** the race and did not mention his Democratic rival by name.  “Ideally, we won’t go a lockdown. I will not go, this administration will not be going to a lockdown,” he said.  “Hopefully the, the – uh – whatever happens in the future – who knows which administration will be. I guess time will tell.”  Since the Nov. 3 election, Trump has persisted with unfounded **accusations** of widespread voting fraud.  But while he has continued to make such claims on Twitter, he did not repeat them in his public remarks on Friday.  The last time Trump spoke – in the White House briefing room two days after the election – he said without evidence that if “legal” votes were counted he would “easily win” the election.  Biden **solidified** his victory over Trump on Friday after the state of Georgia went his way, leaving Trump little hope of reversing the outcome through legal challenges and recounts.  The Republican president said on Friday that he expects an emergency use authorization for Pfizer’s vaccine “extremely soon.”  Pfizer has said it expects to report required safety data next week and can then apply for an emergency use authorization.  The remarks came after Trump received an update on ‘Operation Warp Speed,’ an administration effort to **turbocharge** development of a vaccine.  Criticism of the administration’s response to the virus, which has killed over 235,000 Americans, became a rallying cry for Democrats ahead of the elections. | ***Succeed:*** *to come after and take the place of, as in an office or estate.*  **Remarks:** to say casually, as in making a comment or mention.  **Crush:** crowd.  **Conceding:** to acknowledge as true, just, admit.  **Accusations:** an allegation that a person is guilty of some fault.  **Solidified:** determined.  **Turbocharge:** to speed up, accelerate. |