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Doctors warn against disinfectant as coronavirus cure – 27th April, 2020

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Doctors have warned against using disinfectant to treat coronavirus. This plea follows US President Donald Trump suggesting disinfectant could be used to treat COVID-19. He said: "I see the disinfectant, where it knocks [the virus] out....Is there a way we can do something like that by injection?...It gets in the lungs and it does a tremendous number." Mr Trump said his comments were sarcastic. The White House said the media took the comments out of context.

Disinfectants are toxic and can have fatal consequences if injected. The maker of a best-selling disinfectant warned its product should "under no circumstance" be injected. The American Medical Association was also concerned. It said: "People should under no circumstances ingest or inject bleach or disinfectant." It added: "When we eventually find a treatment for or vaccine against COVID-19, it will not be in the cleaning supplies aisle."

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Doctors have strongly warned against using disinfectant to treat coronavirus. Their plea follows suggestions by US President Donald Trump that disinfectant could be used to treat COVID-19. President Trump said: "I see the disinfectant, where it knocks [the virus] out in one minute....Is there a way we can do something like that by injection?...It gets in the lungs and it does a tremendous number on the lungs." Mr Trump said his comments had been made "sarcastically". The White House said the media took the comments out of context and wrote "negative headlines".

Disinfectants are toxic substances and can have fatal consequences if injected or ingested. The maker of the best-selling disinfectant, Lysol, warned that its product should "under no circumstance" be injected or ingested. The American Medical Association also joined in the chorus of concern. It said: "It is unfortunate that I have to comment on this, but people should under no circumstances ingest or inject bleach or disinfectant." It added: "Rest assured, when we eventually find a treatment for or vaccine against COVID-19, it will not be in the cleaning supplies aisle."

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Doctors around the world have issued strong warnings for people not to use disinfectant to treat coronavirus. Their plea follows suggestions on Thursday by US President Donald Trump that disinfectant could potentially be used to treat COVID-19. President Trump said: "I see the disinfectant, where it knocks [the virus] out in one minute....Is there a way we can do something like that by injection inside or almost a cleaning?...It gets in the lungs and it does a tremendous number on the lungs." On Friday, Mr Trump said his comments had been made "sarcastically". The White House press secretary said the media took the comments out of context and ran "with negative headlines".

Disinfectants are hazardous and toxic substances. They can be poisonous if ingested and have fatal consequences. Reckitt Benckiser, maker of the best-selling disinfectant Lysol, warned that its product should "under no circumstance" be injected or ingested. The president of the American Medical Association also joined in the chorus of concern regarding President Trump's comments. She said: "It is unfortunate that I have to comment on this, but people should under no circumstances ingest or inject bleach or disinfectant." She added: "Rest assured, when we eventually find a treatment for or vaccine against COVID-19, it will not be in the cleaning supplies aisle."