



## Interim Hydroxychloroquine Ordering Instructions for Texas Hospitals

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Pharmacy Branch has a limited supply of donated hydroxychloroquine on hand for distribution to hospitals in Texas currently treating COVID-19 patients.

This medication is currently under investigation for the treatment of COVID-19 and is not approved by the FDA for this use. However, we recognize that some physicians may choose to prescribe this medication for off-label or compassionate use.

Hospitals ordering hydroxychloroquine must follow the regular State of Texas Assistance Request (STAR) ordering protocol through their local emergency management agency.

Hospital orders must include the following:

- County
- Trauma Service Area
- Hospital pharmacy delivery address
- DEA number
- Name of hospital contact with phone number and email
- Additional instructions necessary to ensure delivery

STAR requests will be forwarded to the Texas Division of Emergency Management's State Operations Center and then to the DSHS State Medical Operations Center for processing and shipment by the DSHS Pharmacy Branch.

Hydroxychloroquine shipments will go out via FedEx. The medication comes in bottles of 100 tablets. **The maximum order limit is 10 bottles per hospital.**

Please note that these instructions are current as of **March 27, 2020** and are subject to change.