

**Efficacy of Hydroxychloroquine for Post-exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) to Prevent Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) Infection Among Adults Exposed to Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19): a Blinded, Randomized Study**

Dear Physicians,

The University of Maryland School of Medicine, Center for Vaccine Development and Global Health (CVD) is conducting a clinical trial of an experimental preventative treatment for individuals who have been exposed to the SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) virus in the last four days, either as a household member of a COVID-19 positive individual or as a healthcare professional for a COVID-19 positive individual. The research study will determine if taking hydroxychloroquine prevents COVID-19 infection or symptoms. Participants have an equal chance of receiving hydroxychloroquine or vitamin C.

We are asking you to refer recent (<4 days) household or health care contacts of COVID-19 infected individuals to the study website to obtain more information and contact the study team [www.covid19pepstudy.org](http://www.covid19pepstudy.org). Please see the attached flyer for more details.

Thank you for your attention, and please feel free to contact us via email [clintrial@som.umaryland.edu](mailto:clintrial@som.umaryland.edu) if you would like additional information about our clinical trial.

Sincerely,

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