



This form serves as an information sheet for potential participants and will be posted on the COVID-19 Clinical Trials for Health Care Workers website.

Title Healthcare Worker Exposure Response and Outcomes of Hydroxychloroquine Trial (HERO-HCQ Trial)
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Sponsor Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI)

Description HERO-HCQ is studying a drug called hydroxychloroquine (Plaquenil X®) in healthcare workers (HCWs). Hydroxychloroquine is approved to treat malaria and certain inflammatory conditions such as rheumatoid arthritis and lupus. In HERO-HCQ, we will test if it can prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) infection.

Your participation in the study will last about two (2) months. You will have a first study visit where a member of the study team will tell you about the study, ask a few questions, draw blood, and perform a nasopharyngeal swab for COVID-19 testing.

At the first visit, you will be assigned to take either hydroxychloroquine (study drug) or a placebo for 30 days. There are weekly surveys done on-line while you are taking the study drug/placebo. After 30 days, you will have your second in-person visit. This will be similar to your first visit where you will complete surveys, provide a blood sample, and a nasopharyngeal swab for COVID-19 testing.

The study will enroll up to 375 HCWs from the Baltimore-Washington community at various Johns Hopkins sites.

Who Are the Participants in the Trial? Healthcare workers 18 years or older who are at risk for COVID-19 infection.

Are There Any Interventions? Yes, HCWs will be assigned to take either hydroxychloroquine (study drug) or a placebo for 30 days to test if it can prevent COVID-19.

Will Any of My COVID-19 Test Results Be Available to Johns Hopkins Occupational Health or My Supervisor? Your COVID-19 test results will not be available to occupational health or your supervisor unless you choose to share your results.



Will I Be Paid for My Participation in the Study? Yes, you will receive a \$25 gift card for your time.

Where Do I Have to Go for Study Visits? We have research units set-up to see patients at Johns Hopkins Hospital (Blalock 3), Green Spring Station (Pavilion 3), Sibley Memorial Hospital, Suburban Hospital, and Howard County General Hospital. You may choose which location is most convenient for you.

Contact Person

If you have any questions about this study, please feel free to contact Kathleen Ward, MPH at 410-502-5465 or kward27@jhmi.edu.

For more information, please visit: <https://heroesresearch.org/hero-hcq/>