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Donald Trump Remarks Transcript, Calls Contracting COVID-19 "Blessing From God" October 7



Donald Trump posted a video on Twitter on October 7 where he said contracting COVID-19 was a "blessing from God." Read the transcript of the full video with his remarks here.

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Donald Trump: (00:00)

Hi, perhaps you recognize me? It's your favorite president. And I'm standing in front of the Oval Office at the White House, which is always an exciting place to be. I got back a day ago from Walter Reed Medical Center. I spent four days there, and didn't have to, I could've stayed at the White House, but the doctors said, "Because you're president, let's do it." I said, "Fine. You tell me what to do, and I'm going to listen." These are great professionals. They've done a fantastic job.

Donald Trump: (00:27)

And by the way, not only at Walter Reed, all over the country, we have the greatest doctors in the world, we have the greatest nurses, the greatest first responders, law enforcement, by the way, incredible, firefighters, everybody. They're just great. We have great people. This is a great country.

Donald Trump: (00:43)

But I spent four days there and I went in and I wasn't feeling so hot, and within a very short period of time, they gave me Regeneron. It's called Regeneron, and other things too. But I think this was the key, but they gave me Regeneron, and it was like, unbelievable. I felt good immediately. I felt as good three days ago as I do now.

Donald Trump: (01:05)

So I just want to say, we have Regeneron. We have a very similar drug from Eli Lilly and they're coming out and we're trying to get them on an emergency basis. We've authorized it. I've authorized it. If you're in the hospital and you're feeling really bad, I think we're going to work it so that you get them and you're going to get them free, and especially if you're a senior, we're going to get you in there quick. We have hundreds of thousands of doses that are just about ready.

Donald Trump: (01:33)

I have emergency use authorization, all set, and we got to get it signed now, and you're going to get better. You're going to get better, really fast. This is things that nobody even thought of a few months ago. The job that the scientists, the labs, everybody has done is incredible.

Donald Trump: (01:49)

Then in addition to that, you have various other drugs that help a lot. But I view these, I know they call them therapeutic, but to me it wasn't therapeutic, it just made me better. I call that a cure. So I want to get these things done. So we have to get them done. We have to get them approved, and I want to get them to the hospitals where people are feeling badly. That's much more important to me than the vaccine.

Donald Trump: (02:13)

But on the vaccines, we have many companies that are in final stages for the vaccines, Johnson & Johnson. Moderna, Pfizer, all great companies, but many of them, and we're going to have a great vaccine very, very shortly. I think we should have it before the election, but frankly, the politics gets involved and that's okay, they want to play their games. It's going to be right after the election, but we did it. Nobody else, nobody else would have been able to do it.

Donald Trump: (02:37)

The FDA has acted as quickly as they've ever acted in history. There's never been a time and no president has ever pushed him like I pushed them either, to be honest with you. But the FDA is approving things in a matter of weeks, that used to take a matter of years. So we have these drugs, Eli Lilly, and the others that are so good.

Donald Trump: (02:58)

But they are, in my opinion, remember this, they're going to say that they're, "Therapeutic." And I guess they are therapeutic. Some people don't know how to define therapeutic. I view it different, it's a cure. For me, I walked in, I didn't feel good. A short 24 hours later, I was feeling great, I wanted to get out of the hospital and that's what I want for everybody. I want everybody to be given the same treatment as your president because I feel great. I feel like perfect.

Donald Trump: (03:27)

So I think this was a blessing from God that I caught it. This was a blessing in disguise. I caught it. I heard about this drug. I said, "Let me take it." It was my suggestion. I said, "Let me take it," and it was incredible the way it worked. Incredible. I think if I didn't catch it, we'd be looking at that like a number of other drugs, but it really did a fantastic job.

Donald Trump: (03:51)

I want to get for you what I got and I'm going to make it free. You're not going to pay for it. It wasn't your fault that this happened. It was China's fault, and China is going to pay a big price for what they've done to this country. China is going to pay a big price for what they've done to the world. This was China's fault, and just remember that.

Donald Trump: (04:10)

So we're going to get you the drug. It's going to be free. We're going to get it into the hospitals as soon as you can, as soon as we can. And you'll see some amazing things happen because we have ... our military is doing the distribution. It's called logistics, and they deliver, hundreds of thousands of troops in a matter of days. This is easy stuff for them.

Donald Trump: (04:31)

Our generals are all ready, we're waiting for the emergency use authorization and the drug companies have just made a lot of

it. So hopefully this is going to be not just a therapeutic, it's going to be much more than a therapeutic. You're going to get better. You're going to get better fast, just like I did. So again, a blessing in disguise. Good luck.

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