

Youtube regulations concerning incorrect medical information on COVID-19

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The safety of our creators, viewers and partners is our top priority, and we rely on each and every one of you to help us protect this vibrant and valuable community. It's important that you understand our community policy and how it helps us fulfill our shared responsibility to make YouTube a safe platform. Please read the policy carefully below. If you'd like to see a full list of our guidelines, please visit this page.

YouTube prohibits content on COVID-19 that poses a significant risk of substantial harm.

YouTube does not allow content that spreads incorrect medical information that contradicts local health authorities or the World Health Organization (WHO) regarding COVID-19. This only applies to content that contradicts the advice of the WHO or local health authorities on the following topics

- Treatment
- Prevention
- Diagnosis
- Transmission
- Social distancing and self-isolation advice
- Existence of COVID-19

Note: YouTube's rules regarding COVID-19 are subject to change as advice from global and local health authorities about the virus evolves. This policy was published on 20 May 2020.

What this regulation means for you

If you post content

Do not post content on YouTube if it fits any of the descriptions below.

Incorrect information about the treatment:

Content that encourages people to use home remedies, prayer or rituals instead of medical treatment (e.g. seeing a doctor or going to hospital)

Content that claims that there is a guaranteed cure for COVID-19

Content that recommends the use of ivermectin or hydroxychloroquine for the treatment of COVID-19

Content that claims that ivermectin or hydroxychloroquine are effective treatments for COVID-19

Any other content that discourages people from consulting a health professional or seeking medical advice

Incorrect information about prevention: content promoting prevention methods that contradict local health authorities or the WHO

Content that claims that there is a guaranteed method of prevention against COVID-19

Content that claims that a specific vaccine or drug is a guaranteed method of prevention against COVID-19

Content that recommends the use of ivermectin or hydroxychloroquine for the prevention of COVID-19

Content that states that wearing a mask is dangerous or causes adverse physical health effects

Content that states that masks do not prevent contracting or transmitting COVID-19

Content that contradicts the expert consensus of local health authorities or the WHO regarding the COVID-19 vaccine

Content that claims that an approved COVID-19 vaccine will cause death, infertility, autism, miscarriage, or other contagious diseases in recipients

Content that claims that an approved COVID-19 vaccine will contain substances that are not listed as vaccine ingredients, such as biological materials derived from fetuses (e.g., cell lines or fetal tissue) or animal products

Content that claims that an approved COVID-19 vaccine will contain substances or devices designed to track and identify individuals who receive it

Content that claims that an approved COVID-19 vaccine will alter the genetic make-up of those who receive it

Content that claims that vaccines against COVID-19 do not reduce the risk of getting the disease

Content that states that any vaccine will give COVID-19 to people who receive it

Content that states that specific groups will be forced (by any entity other than a government) to participate in vaccine trials or to be vaccinated first

Content that encourages the use of unapproved or homemade COVID-19 vaccines

Content that explains how to create false vaccination certificates or offers such documents for sale.

Incorrect diagnostic information: content promoting diagnostic methods that contradict local health authorities or WHO

Incorrect information about transmission: content promoting information about virus transmission that contradicts local health authorities or WHO

Content that claims that COVID-19 is not caused by a viral infection

Content that claims that COVID-19 is not contagious

Materials that claim that COVID-19 cannot be spread in certain climates or geographical areas

Content that claims that a person or group of people are immune to the virus, or cannot transmit it to others

Incorrect information about social distancing and self-isolation: content that questions the effectiveness of physical distancing and self-isolation measures advocated by local health authorities or the WHO to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19

Content that denies the existence of COVID-19:

Denial of the existence of COVID-19

Content that states that no one has been sick or died from COVID-19

Content that states that the virus no longer exists or that the pandemic is over

Content that states that the symptoms, mortality rates or contagiousness of COVID-19 are less severe or as severe as those of the common cold or seasonal flu

Content that states that the symptoms of COVID-19 are never severe

Examples

Here are some examples of prohibited content on YouTube:

Content that denies the existence of COVID-19

Content that claims that no one has died from COVID-19

Content that claims that any vaccine is a guaranteed method of prevention against COVID-19

Content that claims that a specific treatment or drug is guaranteed to cure COVID-19

Content that claims that hydroxychloroquine cures people with COVID-19

Content promoting the Miracle Mineral Food Supplement (or MMS) for the treatment of COVID-19

Content that claims that some people are immune to COVID-19 because of their ethnicity or nationality

Content that advocates the use of home remedies as an alternative to medical treatment when ill

Content that aims to discourage people from consulting a health professional if they are ill

Content that claims that holding one's breath is a diagnostic method to find out if one has contracted COVID-19

Videos that claim that not eating Asian food will prevent you from contracting the coronavirus

Videos claiming that using fireworks will dissipate the virus in the air and prevent its spread

Content claiming that COVID-19 is caused by radiation from 5G networks

Videos claiming that the COVID-19 test is the cause of the virus

Content claiming that the virus will not spread in hot countries

Videos claiming that social distancing and self-isolation measures do not limit the spread of the virus

Content that claims that wearing a mask causes a dangerous drop in oxygen levels

Content that claims that masks cause lung cancer or brain damage

Content that claims that wearing a mask transmits COVID-19

Content that claims that the COVID-19 vaccine will kill people who receive it

Content that claims that the COVID-19 vaccine will be used as a means of population reduction

Videos claiming that the COVID-19 vaccine will contain foetal tissue

Content claiming that the flu vaccine communicates COVID-19 to those who receive it

Content that claims that COVID-19 vaccines do not prevent transmission of COVID-19

Content that claims that the COVID-19 vaccine passes on other contagious diseases to people who receive it or makes them more susceptible to other contagious diseases

Content that claims that COVID-19 vaccines contain a computer chip or tracking device

Content that claims that it is safer to achieve herd immunity through natural infection than through vaccination

Content that claims that COVID-19 never causes severe symptoms or hospitalizations

Content that claims that seasonal influenza has a higher mortality rate than COVID-19.

Content that claims that some people are immune to the virus because of their ethnicity

Content that states that children do not contract COVID-19

Content that states that there have been no cases or deaths in countries where cases or deaths have been confirmed by local health authorities or the WHO

Educational, documentary, scientific or artistic content

If content violates the rules on this page regarding incorrect information about COVID-19, we may allow it provided that it includes context that gives equal or greater weight to scientific and medical consensus or local health authority opinions. We may also make an exception for content whose purpose is to expose or challenge incorrect information that violates our rules. The context should be made clear through the images or audio in the video. Specifying the educational context of your content in the title or description is not enough.

What happens if content does not comply with this policy?

If your content violates this policy, we will remove it and send you an email to inform you of this decision. If this is the first time you've broken the community rules, you'll receive a warning with no penalty for your channel. Otherwise, we will send a warning to your channel. If you receive three warnings, your channel will be closed. Read more about our warning system