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Have you heard about taking a hot bath to kill the virus? Not only does it not work, but the World Health Organization is [warning the public](#) that people could scald themselves trying it. Then there's the claim that the antimalarial chloroquine is a miracle drug. While the jury is still out on its efficacy, chloroquine is also potentially very dangerous, having recently [killed a man in Arizona](#) who drank it after hearing President Donald Trump call it "[a tremendous breakthrough](#)." The world has faced, and overcome, pandemics before. We've never faced one in this information climate. This is, as the World Health Organization declared in February, an [infodemic](#): "an over-abundance of information—some accurate and some not—that makes it hard for people to find trustworthy sources and reliable guidance when they need it."

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