

# *Brazilian president pushes chloroquine use as COVID-19 cases soar*

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Brasilia, May 21 (RHC)-- In Brazil, far-right President Jair Bolsonaro plans to expand the country's use of chloroquine for treating the coronavirus. Brazil's Health Ministry is expected to issue the new guidelines this week.

This comes as Brazil is reporting a record 17,400 new coronavirus cases in the past 24 hours and over 1,100 new deaths. The country now has the third-highest number of infections of any country in the world.

Despite the outbreak, Brazilian police are continuing to conduct raids inside the favelas, or slums, of Rio de Janeiro, terrifying residents who are on lockdown. One police operation on Friday killed at least 13 people; another raid on Monday killed a 14-year-old boy named João Pedro, who was playing inside his house with his cousins.



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