

Sickened with COVID-19, Trump rejects remote debate and plans new rallies

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Donald Trump says he's a perfect physical specimen. (Photo: AP)

Washington, October 9 (RHC)-- U.S. President Donald Trump says he's planning to resume in-person campaigning as early as Saturday with a rally in Florida — even though he remains sick with COVID-19 at

the White House and may still be contagious.

Trump also rejected a proposal Thursday by the Commission on Presidential Debates to have Trump and Biden join next Thursday's debate from separate remote locations. But late Thursday, Trump's campaign manager reversed course, saying Trump does want to debate Biden after all.

Trump's personal doctor said in a statement he "anticipates" the president can return to public engagements on Saturday — even though the White House continues to withhold critical details about the president's mental and physical health, including when Trump had his last negative test for coronavirus.

On Thursday morning, Trump told Fox Business he has recovered completely from COVID-19. Trump said: "I'm back because I'm a perfect physical specimen and I'm extremely young."

Trump also repeated his claim that his bout with COVID-19 has made him immune to the coronavirus — even though there's evidence some people can become reinfected. Trump claimed: "Remember this: When you catch it, you get better, and then you're immune."

Throughout the day, Trump continued to lash out against his political opponents on Twitter, demanding that Attorney General William Barr lock up Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton and Joe Biden. And on Thursday evening, Trump coughed his way through an interview with Fox News's Sean Hannity.

President Donald Trump: "Absentee is OK. [coughs] Absentee ballots [coughs] — excuse me — absentee ballots are fine." At another point in the telephone interview, Trump appeared to mute his microphone, only to cough again before he resumed speaking.

President Donald Trump: "We had three debates with Hillary. And on, I think, the first debate [coughs], they [silence] — excuse me — on the first debate, they oscillated the mic."

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