Avera’s Recommendation for Prescriptions on COVID-19 Treatment

- There have been reports of several medicines that may show promise in the treatment or prevention of COVID-19. However, no clear evidence exists at this point (as of March 20).

- The CDC and other guidelines recommend against their routine use. Exceptions do exist in the setting of very sick hospitalized patients.

- In order to preserve these drugs for their approved indication and in accordance with current guidelines:
  - Avera’s policy is to not prescribe or fill outpatient prescriptions for these drugs for prevention/prophylaxis or treatment of COVID 19.

- Medications include: Azithromycin (an antibiotic), Lopinavir / Ritonavir (Kaletra) (used for HIV treatment) and hydroxychloroquine (Plaquenil) (used for malaria and autoimmune disease treatment).