

NIXON SUFFERING VIRAL PNEUMONIA

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To Stay at Bethesda Center
For at Least a Week—
'In Excellent Spirits'

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WASHINGTON, July 12—

President Nixon was reported tonight by his doctors to be ill with viral pneumonia and about to enter Bethesda Naval Medical Center for treatment.

Dr. Walter Tkach said the President had "no complications" and was expected to remain in the hospital for at least a week, with rest and medication.

The President, complaining of discomfort in the right side of his chest, summoned Dr. Tkach and a preliminary diagnosis indicated the viral pneumonia.

The White House press secretary, Ronald L. Ziegler, said that Mr. Nixon was running a fever of between 101 and 102 degrees, but was in "excellent spirits even though somewhat weak."

In response to a question from reporters, who were summoned to the White House this evening, Dr. Tkach said that the viral pneumonia was all that was wrong with the President.