**COVID-19 treatments Paxlovid and Molnupiravir available to eligible patients**

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More than two years into the COVID-19 pandemic, there are now several effective treatments for the disease. Two of those treatments are [Paxlovid](https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le4029e.pdf" \t "_blank) and [Molnupiravir](https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le4029A.pdf" \t "_blank), antiviral pills for non-hospitalized patients. They are available by prescription to people infected with the COVID-19 virus who have conditions that put them at risk for severe illness.

**Eligibility for Paxlovid and Molnupiravir:**

People with certain health conditions like chronic lung disease or cancer are at higher risk for hospitalization or death from COVID-19 infection, as are people older than 65. Conditions that increase risk for severe COVID-19 include, **but are not limited to**:

* Type 1 or 2 diabetes
* Depression or schizophrenia
* Chronic lung or heart diseases, including moderate to severe asthma
* Cancer
* Dementia or other neurological conditions
* Down syndrome
* Cystic fibrosis
* Obesity
* Pregnancy
* Age may be a factor that contributes to higher risk

Check out the [full list of eligible conditions](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Both Paxlovid and Molnupiravir must be taken within five days of symptom onset, and there are currently **two ways to get a prescription**:

1. **A health care provider prescribes them to you**. Because these medications are only available at certain pharmacies, you can find the pharmacy closest to you that carries them by using this [online locator tool](https://covid-19-test-to-treat-locator-dhhs.hub.arcgis.com/). Type in your ZIP code, the If you don’t have access to a health care provider who can quickly determine your eligibility and write a prescription, **the new federal**[**Test-to-Treat**](https://aspr.hhs.gov/TestToTreat/Pages/default.aspx)**(T2T) program** is another option.  
     
   **Here’s how it works:**

* Using the [online locator tool](https://covid-19-test-to-treat-locator-dhhs.hub.arcgis.com/), type in your ZIP code and use the drop-down menu for “Locations with testing, medical visits, and medication (Test-to-Treat).”
* Find the site closest to you and call to make an appointment. For help in Spanish and  more than 150  languages, call **800-232-0233**.
* You may bring a positive COVID-19 test, or you can be tested once you arrive at the T2T site.
* After your COVID-19 infection is confirmed, a health care provider will determine if you are eligible for [Paxlovid](https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le4029e.pdf) and [Molnupiravir](https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le4029A.pdf). This medical evaluation will be performed on site, either in person or by telephone or video call.
* If you’re eligible, the provider will call your prescription into the pharmacy on site or one close by.

If you have insurance the entire process is free, though some insurance policies will have a co-pay.

If you don’t have insurance, the COVID-19 test and medication are free, but you may be charged a fee for the medical evaluation. Pharmacies should **not** ask for any fees associated with the medication itself, including dispensing fees.

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