

TEST-TO-TREAT FOR COVID-19

“Test-to-Treat” means if you test positive for COVID-19 today, you can get potentially lifesaving treatment right away.

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WHAT TYPE OF TREATMENT HELPS WITH COVID-19?

The most effective pill for COVID-19 is Paxlovid (Nirmatrelvir/Ritonavir). It can stop COVID-19 from making you very sick, and help you recover faster. Research shows it can reduce risks for hospitalization and death from COVID-19 by 89%. If Paxlovid is not right for you, there are other treatments available. All effective treatments, including infusions or other therapies for COVID-19, require a prescription.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

- ▶ Paxlovid works best if you take it within 5 days of the start of your illness, and a positive COVID-19 test.
- ▶ You take 2 pink and 1 white tablet twice per day for 5 days in a row. Do not share your pills with anyone.
- ▶ When you finish the 5-day pack of pills, you are done.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

People 12 years old and older who are more likely to get very ill from COVID-19 are eligible, especially if:

- ▶ You are over age 50, benefits increase the older you are
- ▶ Your immune system doesn't work properly (from cancer treatment, a disease, certain drugs, etc.)
- ▶ You have a medical condition like heart or kidney disease, or some disabilities
- ▶ You have asthma or other respiratory condition
- ▶ You are pregnant or just had a baby
- ▶ You smoke or are overweight

WHAT'S THE OTHER GOOD NEWS?

It's safe

When prescribed by a doctor who evaluates it's right for you.

It's effective

Many patients report that their symptoms also improve while taking Paxlovid.

It's free!

You do not need health insurance to get Paxlovid.

WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE?

- ▶ **Reach out to your local community health center** if you need a COVID-19 (or flu test) or if you tested positive for COVID-19.
- ▶ **Find a health center near you** at <https://www.findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov/>. You may schedule an in-person or over-the-phone appointment—testing and treatment will not cost you anything. Tell them you need to be seen right away because you are interested in test-to-treat.
- ▶ **Find a test-to-treat location** at <https://aspr.hhs.gov/TestToTreat/Pages/default.aspx> or call your local health department.