

COVID-19 MEDICATIONS : Oral Antivirals

COVID-19 medications called antivirals can help people fight their illness. Paxlovid is for people 12 years and older; molnupiravir is for adults 18 years and older. Both of these antivirals are pills that you take by mouth.

If you are sick with COVID-19, antivirals can stop you from getting even sicker and help shorten how long you are sick. You may be able to get this medication if all four things are true:

You test positive for COVID-19.

Your symptoms started less than five days ago.

You are at risk for severe COVID-19 because you are older or have a health condition like diabetes, heart disease, or lung disease.

You are not hospitalized due to COVID-19.

Most COVID-19 medications are free, but there could be other costs or fees. If you have insurance, provide that information when you get the medication. If you do not have insurance, ask the health care provider or pharmacist about any costs.

Visit [COVID-19 Medication Options](#) or talk with your doctor or another health care provider to see if you may be able to use this medication and to find a clinic.

For more information, you may call the COVID-19 Public Hotline at 833-431-2053, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, or from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays.

Tell your health care provider if you:

- Are pregnant or plan to become pregnant
- Are breastfeeding
- Are taking any medications or supplements
- Have any allergies

- Have any serious illnesses