When started early, COVID-19 therapeutics are a safe and effective way to prevent hospitalization and death in high-risk patients. Healthcare professionals can help their patients by prescribing or administering therapeutics soon after COVID-19 symptoms are observed.

Prescribers do not need to enroll as a COVID-19 Therapeutics provider to prescribe therapeutics; enrollment is required only if the provider plans to offer treatment within their facility.

Learn more about available COVID-19 therapeutics or enroll as a provider by visiting VDH’s COVID-19 Therapeutics website.
WHAT ARE COVID-19 THERAPEUTICS?
COVID-19 therapeutics, which consist of monoclonal antibodies and oral antivirals, are treatments that help prevent severe illness, hospitalization, and death in high-risk individuals. Most treatments can help people with mild to moderate symptoms from becoming severely ill or needing to be hospitalized while one therapeutic is specifically for pre-exposure prophylaxis for immunocompromised individuals. Of note, some treatment options might not be effective against certain variants of the virus. Vaccination remains the most important tool to control the pandemic.

ARE COVID-19 THERAPEUTICS AVAILABLE?
Yes, therapeutic locations can be found on the COVID-19 Treatment Locator Tool. Providers should reference this tool when prescribing treatment or referring patients to treatment locations.

CAN I PRESCRIBE THERAPEUTICS?
Physicians, physician assistants and nurse practitioners can prescribe COVID-19 therapeutics per the medications’ Emergency Use Authorizations. Providers should have a strong understanding of each of the available treatments before prescribing. Information on the treatments, including the eligibility criteria, can be found here. Providers that are prescribing only and not administering therapeutics do not need to enroll as a Therapeutics Provider.

CAN I ADMINISTER MONOCLONAL ANTIBODIES?
Monoclonal antibodies are administered by injection or infusion. Monoclonal antibody treatments for COVID-19 may only be administered in settings in which health care providers have immediate access to medications to treat a severe infusion reaction, such as anaphylaxis, and have the ability to activate the emergency medical system (EMS), if necessary. Providers interested in administering monoclonal antibodies must enroll as a COVID-19 Therapeutics Provider.

CAN I DISPENSE ORAL ANTIVIRALS?
Oral antivirals are given in the form of an oral tablet or capsule that can be taken at home. To dispense, providers must either be a pharmacy or hold a Physician Selling Controlled Substance Facility Permit. To obtain a permit, please visit the Virginia Board of Pharmacy’s website under “Forms.” Providers interested in dispensing oral antivirals must enroll as a COVID-19 Therapeutics Provider.

HOW DO I ENROLL AS A THERAPEUTICS PROVIDER?
If your practice is ready to proceed with enrollment, please complete the enrollment form here. An overview of the enrollment, ordering, and reporting processes can be reviewed here. Please note that reporting administered and on-hand products is required daily.