

# COVID-19 Therapeutics Can Save Lives

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.**

# COVID-19 THERAPEUTICS PROVIDER

## FAQS



### 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.