

# PATIENT INFORMATION: PAXLOVID



PAXLOVID may prevent hospitalization or death in adults who are at high risk for severe illness from COVID-19. It must be taken within 5 days of when COVID-19 symptoms start.

## What is PAXLOVID?

PAXLOVID is a new medicine used to treat mild-to moderate COVID-19 in people who:

- ▶ Are 12 years of age and older, weighing at least 88 pounds
- ▶ Have a positive test result for COVID-19 viral test
- ▶ Are at **high risk for severe COVID-19** including hospitalization and death

PAXLOVID is a medicine that is taken by mouth (by swallowing pills) for 5 days. The course of treatment should be completed, regardless of resolution of symptoms

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) to make PAXLOVID available during the COVID-19 pandemic. PAXLOVID is not an FDA-approved medicine in the United States.



## Tell your healthcare provider if you:

- have any allergies
- Have kidney or liver disease
- are pregnant, may become pregnant
- are breastfeeding a child
- have any serious illnesses
- are taking any medicines (prescription, over-the-counter, vitamins, or herbal products)
- If you are taking combined hormonal contraceptives (PAXLOVID may affect how your birth control pills work)

## Does PAXLOVID have side effects?

- ▶ PAXLOVID may interact with other medicines you are taking. It is important to tell your doctor about all of your current medications.
- ▶ PAXLOVID may cause liver problems.
- ▶ PAXLOVID may cause resistance to HIV medicines.
- ▶ Other possible side effects include:
  - > Altered sense of taste
  - > Diarrhea
  - > High blood pressure
  - > Muscle aches



If you test positive for COVID-19, talk to your healthcare provider right away about treatment options.

***A prescription is required for all available treatments.***