



COVID-19 TREATMENT



COVID-19 treatment can prevent severe illness and hospitalization from COVID-19 in people with **mild to moderate symptoms** who are at higher risk of severe illness. Treatment is most effective when taken soon after symptoms start – so don't delay.



WHO SHOULD GET TREATMENT

Treatment is recommended for people at higher risk of severe COVID-19, even if they've been vaccinated for COVID-19. This includes:

- People aged 50 and older
- People who are overweight or obese
- People with an **underlying health condition** (heart or lung disease, diabetes, cancer, and more)
- People who are current and former smokers
- People with HIV or other conditions that weaken the immune system
- People not up to date with COVID-19 vaccines or unvaccinated



GET TREATMENT AS SOON AS SYMPTOMS START

- Treatment must be started within 5 days from when your symptoms begin to be effective.



THREE TREATMENTS ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

- Paxlovid (*nirmatrelvir with ritonavir*) - tablets taken by mouth – the preferred treatment for most patients
- Veklury (*remdesivir*) - a medicine that is given into a vein for 3 days
- Lagevrio (*molnupiravir*) - capsules taken by mouth



WHERE TO GET COVID-19 TREATMENT

You can only get it with a prescription from:

- A health care provider, if you don't have a regular health care provider you can locate your nearest:
 - **Free clinic** - www.vafreeclinics.org/clinics-in-virginia
 - **Federally Qualified Health Centers in Virginia** - www.vcha.org/locations
- A **Test to Treat location** - <https://treatments.hhs.gov> or call 1-800-232-0233 (TTY 1-888-720-7489)
- Through a **free** telehealth service, like test2treat.org

People may not have to pay for the medication itself, but there may be other fees associated with getting the treatment. Patient assistance programs are available to help lower out-of-pocket costs:

- ◆ **Paxlovid PAXCESS Patient Support Program** - www.paxlovid.com/paxcess
- ◆ **Lagevrio Patient Assistance Program** - www.merckhelps.com/lagevrio
- ◆ **Veklury Patient Access Programs** - www.gileadadvancingaccess.com/patient/covid-19

For more information visit vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/treatments or call 1-877-VAX-IN-VA (877-829-4682)