



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>

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 www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus