COVID-19 TREATMENT

Oral medication for COVID-19 (Paxlovid™) is available free of charge from pharmacies. It can be prescribed by a pharmacist, a specialized nurse practitioner, or a doctor. The treatment is for **people with COVID-19**, who do not need to be hospitalized for it but are at risk of complications.

Who is eligible?

- **Adults with severe immunosuppression.**

- **Adults aged 60 and over,** after an individual risk assessment taking into account age, immunity and the number of concomitant diseases or conditions that increase the level of risk of COVID-19 complications.

- **Adults aged under 60** with at least one concomitant disease or condition that increases the level of risk of complications from COVID-19 and after an individual risk assessment taking into account age, immunity and number of comorbidities.

- **Pregnant people**, after an individual risk assessment taking into account age, immunity, gestational age and the number of concomitant diseases or conditions that increase the level of risk of COVID-19 complications.

- **People aged under 18** with at least one concomitant disease or condition that increases the level of risk of complications from COVID-19, after an individual risk assessment taking into account age, immunity and number of comorbidities.

How to get access to Paxlovid?

1. Your first symptoms must have appeared **5 days ago or less.**

2. You must take a test (either a nucleic acid amplification test [NAAT] done at a local point of service or a rapid test available from a pharmacy or a local point of service), **as soon as your symptoms of COVID-19 start.**

3. If your test is positive and you meet the criteria listed in the section *Who is eligible*, **first call** your pharmacist to find out what to do next.

A specialized nurse practitioner or a doctor can also provide information.

Please note that the healthcare professional you see has the final say on whether the treatment is right for you. There are possible contraindications for this oralCOVID-19 medication. In such situations, other treatments will be considered.

To learn more about this COVID-19 treatment:

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