

# COVID-19 Treatments: What Community Members Need To Know

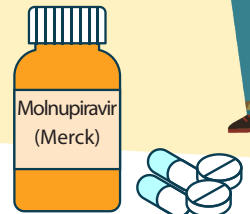
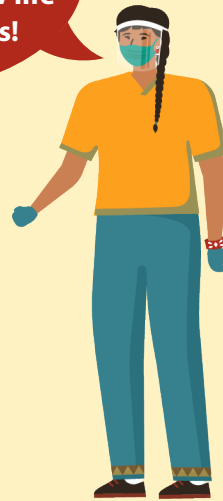
**There are now 3 proven medications to treat people infected with COVID-19. These medications are free of charge and require a prescription. The best way to prevent COVID-19 in our communities is by getting the vaccine.**

These medications are not available for everyone. **Molnupiravir and Paxlovid are only available for people in their first 5 days of symptoms, while Monoclonal Antibody Treatment is available in the first 10 days of symptoms.** Getting tested as soon as symptoms start is more important than ever, now that you can be eligible for life-saving treatment.

At the moment, these medications have very limited supply and are only available for those at the highest risk of severe COVID-19 disease. **COVID-19 vaccines are readily available and are your best option for preventing severe COVID-19 disease.**

Molnupiravir, Paxlovid, and Monoclonal Antibody Treatment are the only medications that have been proven to be safe and effective at preventing severe COVID-19 illness. Treatments discussed on social media such as Ivermectin and Hydroxychloroquine have shown no evidence of preventing severe COVID-19 illness and may be harmful to your health.

**Get tested as soon as symptoms start to be eligible for these new life-saving treatments!**



	Monoclonal Antibody Treatment	Paxlovid (Pfizer)	Molnupiravir (Merck)
<b>How does the medication work?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Healthcare providers inject antibodies designed to fight COVID-19</li> <li>Given by shot or IV infusion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prevents the virus that causes COVID-19 from spreading in the body</li> <li>Given as 3 pills taken together by mouth twice daily for 5 days</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prevents the virus that causes COVID-19 from spreading in the body</li> <li>Given as 4 pills taken together by mouth every 12 hours for 5 days</li> </ul>
<b>How effective is it?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Very effective</li> <li>Greatly reduces risk of hospitalization or death</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Very effective</li> <li>Greatly reduces risk of hospitalization or death</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moderately effective</li> <li>Somewhat reduces risk of hospitalization or death</li> </ul>
<b>Who can receive this treatment?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>People in their first 10 days of symptoms</b></li> <li>Currently restricted to elders or those at high risk of severe COVID-19 disease</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>People in their first 5 days of symptoms</b></li> <li>Anyone 12 and older weighing at least 88 pounds</li> <li>Not recommended for patients with kidney or liver disease</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>People in their first 5 days of symptoms</b></li> <li>Anyone 18 and older</li> <li>Not recommended for use during pregnancy</li> </ul>
<b>How can I receive these treatments?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A prescription is required. Make an appointment with your healthcare provider or call your local health department as soon as you have symptoms to ask about whether you qualify for any of these medications. These medications are in very limited supply and are being saved for people at the highest risk of severe COVID-19 disease.</li> </ul>		