

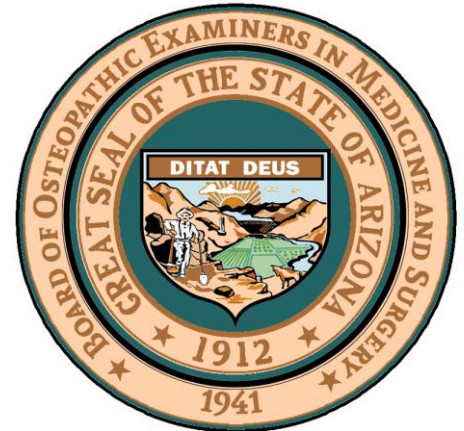
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IMPORTANT UPDATE: Antivirals Available for Use in Arizona with Tiered Approach

NOTICE:

COVID-19 infections are at record levels across Arizona and our state's health care systems are being severely affected. Arizona now has access to therapies that can decrease severity of disease in our most vulnerable patients and help them avoid hospitalization or death due to severe COVID-19. Oral antivirals are available at **select pharmacies** across the state by prescription only. Please note availability of these antiviral products may vary at each location.

The Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) convened the Arizona Vaccine and Antiviral Prioritization Advisory Committee (VAPAC) on January 7, 2022. VAPAC **has approved the strong recommendation that healthcare professionals utilize tiered prioritization for the use of [Paxlovid \(nirmatrelvir/ritonavir\)](#) and [Molnupiravir](#) in patients meeting the following Tier 1 criteria due to extremely limited supply statewide.**

Tier 1 eligible patients include:

- Patients 70 years of age or older;
- OR who have major immune suppression (i.e., HIV, severe primary immunodeficiency, cancer and/or transplant patients, or patients on chronic steroids or other immunosuppressive drugs)

[Full Prioritization Criteria](#) and a pharmacy locator map may be found at [Azhealth.gov/antivirals](#) or [Azhealth.gov/antivirales](#) (Spanish).

Eligible patients should be started on these antivirals as soon as possible after confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19 **AND within 5 days of symptom onset.**

Prescribers should ensure patient eligibility as outlined in the EUAs and Health Care Provider Fact Sheets prior to writing the prescription. Please note that there are many clinical considerations including potential drug interactions, reproductive concerns, and dose adjustments associated with these therapies.

Health care providers and patients can call 211 or the Arizona Poison Control Systems COVID-19 Hotline (844-542-8201) for locations of pharmacies carrying the medications nearest them, or visit the ADHS [Antivirals for COVID-19](#) website and [map for treatment locations](#).

For additional questions, email the ADHS COVID-19 Therapeutics Team at therapies@azdhs.gov.

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