Paxlovid

Q: What is Paxlovid?

Paxlovid is a medicine for treatment of mild-to-moderate COVID-19 disease. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) authorized it for use in December 2021. Paxlovid is used to treat COVID-19 infection, not to prevent it.

Q: Who is Paxlovid for?

Paxlovid is for children over the age of 12 who weigh at least 88 lbs. (40 kg) and adults who are at high risk for severe COVID-19 infection and who test positive for COVID-19. This includes people over 65 years old or who have conditions like cancer, heart disease, chronic lung conditions, or diabetes.

People with severe liver disease, kidney disease, or with an allergy to one of the medicine's ingredients should not receive Paxlovid. People with a poorly controlled HIV infection should consult with their healthcare provider before taking Paxlovid.

Q: How is Paxlovid administered?

Paxlovid is taken by mouth. The usual dose is three tablets twice a day for five days. It is important to complete the full 5-day treatment course and continue isolation per public health recommendations. Paxlovid should not be taken for more than 5 days.

Q: Is Paxlovid available now?

Yes. But at first supply will be very limited. Initially, it will be used for those at highest risk. As supply increases, it will become more broadly available.

For more information, read the patient information guide.

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