



# Fact Sheet for Paxlovid: A Medicine for Treatment of COVID-19

## (For Patients, Parents & Caregivers)

### 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) first authorized its use in December 2021.

### Q: Who can receive Paxlovid?

Paxlovid is for people with mild-to moderate symptoms of COVID-19 who:

- Are adults, or children age 12 years or older who weigh at least 88 lbs. (40 kg),
- Have a positive COVID-19 test, and
- Are at high risk for severe COVID-19 illness.

### Q: How is it 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: Who should NOT receive Paxlovid?

Paxlovid is **NOT** recommended for patients with:

- Severe liver disease
- Severe kidney disease
- Strong allergy to any component of this medicine

Patients with the above conditions, or poorly controlled HIV infection, should discuss with their health care provider before taking Paxlovid.

### Q: What are possible side effects of Paxlovid?

Side effects of this medicine include:

- Altered or impaired sense of taste
- Diarrhea
- Increased blood pressure
- Muscle aches

Paxlovid also can interact with other medicines. This sometimes can cause life-threatening reactions. Please notify your health care provider of **ALL** medicines you use before taking Paxlovid. Please include any over-the-counter medicines and herbal supplements.

### Q: What is Paxlovid NOT used for?

Paxlovid is **NOT** used for:

- Initial treatment in people needing hospitalization due to severe or critical COVID-19 illness
- Prevention of COVID-19 infection.

### Q: Additional Information

If you have questions, please contact your healthcare provider, visit the Paxlovid website at [www.COVID19oralRx.com](http://www.COVID19oralRx.com) or call 1-877-219-7225.

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