



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

COVID-19 Vaccine Test to Treat Initiative

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What is the COVID-19 Test to Treat program?

The Test to Treat program is a nationwide initiative launched by the federal government to ensure rapid access to no-cost COVID-19 oral medications that can help reduce risk for hospitalization if you test positive for COVID-19 and are eligible to receive the medications.

How does the COVID-19 Test to Treat program work?

At the Test to Treat sites, you will be able to get tested for COVID-19 and be assessed by a qualified health care provider. If you test positive and are eligible, you may receive a prescription to take to a designated pharmacy close to the testing location or you may receive medication direct from the Test to Treat site.

Who is eligible to receive COVID-19 treatments?

There are many COVID-19 treatment options available. Patients who are at high-risk of developing severe symptoms from COVID-19 infection are encouraged to discuss available treatments with their health care provider. COVID-19 treatments are most effective at preventing severe illness when taken as soon as symptoms start.

Who is considered at high-risk of severe illness from COVID-19?

- Adults over the age of 65 years.
- Persons with chronic heart and lung diseases such as asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), congestive heart failure, high blood pressure and peripheral vascular disease, as well as other conditions such as diabetes, chronic kidney disease, chronic liver disease and cancer.
- Pregnant or recently pregnant individuals.
- Persons who are obese or overweight.
- Persons who are immunocompromised and who are less likely to mount a protective immune response after initial vaccination.

- Persons who are undergoing chemotherapy.
- Other [conditions identified](#) by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

What type of facilities will the Test to Treat program include?

Test to Treat locations may include participating pharmacies, federally qualified health centers (FQHCs), tribal health centers, urgent cares, primary care physicians and long-term care facilities.

What if I have a COVID-19 at-home positive test?

Bring your at-home test result with you to the site. However, the site may perform an additional test when you get there if there are any questions about the results of the at-home test.

How much will the Test to Treat program cost me?

All medications provided at the Test to Treat sites should be provided at no cost to you. However, additional administrative and service fees may apply. Ask the Test to Treat provider about any expected fee for their service.

Do I need to visit one of the Test to Treat sites for treatment or can I still go to my primary health care provider?

You don't have to visit one of the Test to Treat locations for treatment. Qualified health care providers can still prescribe oral antivirals, and you will be able to pick up your prescription from any pharmacy where antivirals are distributed. The Test to Treat program is not a replacement for the relationship with your usual health care provider – just another option available to get important oral antiviral medication. You are encouraged to maintain communications with your health care provider.

Why should I consider taking oral antivirals?

Oral antiviral treatments aim to reduce the risk of getting very sick or needing hospitalization as a result of the COVID-19 virus. These medications help your body fight COVID-19 by preventing the virus from making additional copies of itself, making it easier for your immune system to fight the infection. COVID-19 patients who receive oral antiviral medications are

likely to feel less sick, have fewer symptoms and recover faster. In addition, these oral antiviral medications can be taken at home, making it easier than other COVID-19 treatments that must be given in a clinical setting.

Who do I contact if I am having an issue with the medication once I start taking it?

Contact your primary health care provider or your pharmacist if you think you are experiencing side effects that bother you or do not go away.

Where can I find a Test to Treat site?

The [Test to Treat Locator](#) tool identifies all Test to Treat program sites and oral antiviral dispensing locations. It uses blue dots to represent the Test to Treat program sites and gray dots for all other medication-dispensing sites.



A call center is also available at 1-800-232-0233 (TTY 1-888-720-7489) to get help in English, Spanish, and more than 150 other languages – 8:00 am to midnight ET, 7 days a week. The Disability Information and Access Line (DIAL) is also available to specifically help people with disabilities access services. To get help, call 1-888-677-1199, Monday-Friday from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm ET or email DIAL@usaginganddisability.org.

Additional Resources:

- <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2022/03/08/fact-sheet-biden-administration-launches-nationwide-test-treat-initiative-ensuring-rapid-on-spot-access-lifesaving-covid-treatments.html>
- <https://aspr.hhs.gov/TestToTreat/Pages/default.aspx>