



COVID-19 Therapeutics Team | FDA authorizes pharmacists to prescribe Paxlovid with certain limitations

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Dear Clinician and Pharmacist

We write to you to provide updates on the [Emergency Use Authorization](#) for Paxlovid that authorizes state-licensed pharmacists to prescribe Paxlovid with certain limitations.

Patients may still seek evaluation from their regular health care provider or by visiting a [Test to Treat](#) site in their area. Now, access is expanding; state-licensed pharmacists may prescribe Paxlovid to eligible patients.

Patients with a positive COVID-19 test, who are within 5 days of symptom onset, and are at risk for severe disease should bring the following information when seeking to determine eligibility for Paxlovid:

- 1) Electronic or printed health records less than 12 months old, including the most recent reports of laboratory blood work for the state-licensed pharmacist to review for kidney or liver problems. State-licensed pharmacists could also receive this information through a consult with the patient's health care provider.
- 2) A list of all medications they are taking, including over-the-counter medications so the state-licensed pharmacist can screen for drugs with potentially serious interactions with Paxlovid.

State-licensed pharmacists should refer patients for clinical evaluation by an authorized provider (PA-C, NP, Physician) if any of the following apply:

- 1) Sufficient information is not available to assess renal and hepatic function.
- 2) Sufficient information is not available to assess for a potential drug interaction.
- 3) Modification of other medications is needed due to a potential drug interaction.
- 4) Paxlovid is not an appropriate therapeutic option based on the current [Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers](#) or due to potential drug interactions for which recommended monitoring would not be feasible.

Patients are advised to contact their pharmacy for confirmation that the pharmacist may prescribe Paxlovid and that there is supply on hand.

Sincerely,

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