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Health Alert for Providers

Two oral antivirals, [Paxlovid](#) (ritonavir-boosted nirmatrelvir) and [molnupiravir](#), continue to be available under Emergency Use Authorization by FDA for treating COVID-19 in outpatients with mild to moderate disease. Each drug is administered twice daily for five days.

Two Rivers Public Health Department strongly recommends use of COVID-19 antivirals in populations at higher risk for severe COVID-19 outcomes. Higher risk for severe COVID-19 outcomes is defined as an underlying medical condition or risk factor that has a published meta-analysis or systematic review or complete the CDC systematic review process. The meta-analysis or systematic review demonstrates good or strong evidence, (depending on the quality of the studies in the review or meta-analysis) for an increase in risk for at least one severe COVID-19 outcome. These populations are as follows:

- Cancer
- Cerebrovascular disease
- Chronic kidney disease
- Chronic lung diseases limited to:
 - Interstitial lung disease
 - Pulmonary embolism
 - Pulmonary hypertension
 - Bronchiectasis
 - COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)
- Chronic liver diseases limited to:
 - Cirrhosis
 - Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease
 - Alcoholic liver disease
 - Autoimmune hepatitis
- Cystic fibrosis
- Diabetes mellitus, type 1 and type 2
- Disabilities
 - Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
 - Cerebral Palsy
 - Congenital Malformations (Birth Defects)
 - Limitations with self-care or activities of daily living
 - Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
 - Learning Disabilities
 - Spinal Cord Injuries
- Heart conditions (such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies)



- HIV (human immunodeficiency virus)
- Mental health disorders limited to:
 - Mood disorders, including depression
 - Schizophrenia spectrum disorders
- Neurologic conditions limited to dementia
- Obesity (BMI ≥ 30 kg/m²)
- Primary Immunodeficiencies
- Pregnancy and recent pregnancy
- Physical inactivity
- Smoking, current and former
- Solid organ or hematopoietic cell transplantation
- Tuberculosis
- Use of corticosteroids or other immunosuppressive medications

<https://emergency.cdc.gov/han/2021/han00461.asp>

At this time, pharmacies distributing COVID-19 antivirals are:

- USAVE Kearney
3611 2nd Ave, Kearney, NE 68847
308-455-1555
- Franklin Drug
635 15th Ave., Franklin, NE 68939
308-425-3004
- Fulmer U-Save Pharmacy
1317 Hill St., Holdrege, NE 68949
Ph: (308) 995-4401
- Gothenburg Discount Pharmacy
902 Ave D, Gothenburg, NE, 69138
308-537-7155

Any pharmacies interested in distributing antivirals, please contact Kraig Johnson, Emergency Response Coordinator at kjohnson@trphd.org

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