

## **COVID 19 Treatment Options**:

The FDA has issued Emergency Use Authorizations (EUA) for certain antiviral medications and monoclonal antibodies to treat mild to moderate COVID-19 in people who are more likely to get very sick.

- **Antiviral treatments** target specific parts of the virus to stop it from multiplying in the body, helping to prevent severe illness and death.
- **Monoclonal antibodies** help the immune system recognize and respond more effectively to the virus. They may be more or less effective against different variants of the virus that causes COVID-19.

Healthcare Providers use guidelines to help them work with their patients and determine the best treatment options for them. Several options are available for treating COVID-19 at home or in an outpatient setting.

One of the oral medications that is prescribed on an outpatient basis is Paxlovid.

Paxlovid is an investigational antiviral treatment used in adults and children ages 12 years and older. It is taken at home by mouth (orally). It should be started as soon as possible and must begin within 5 days of when your symptoms start.

If you have been prescribed Paxlovid, please review the FDA EUA Information Sheet for PATIENTS, PARENTS, and CAREGIVERS.

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