COVID-19 Medications: Antivirals

COVID-19 medications called antivirals can help people fight their illness. Paxlovid is for people 12 years and older; molnupiravir is for adults 18 years and older. Both of these antivirals are pills that you take by mouth.

If you are sick with COVID-19, antivirals can stop you from getting even sicker and help shorten how long you are sick. You may be able to get this medication if all four things are true:

2. Your symptoms started less than five days ago.
3. You are at risk for severe COVID-19 because you are older or have a health condition like diabetes, heart disease, or lung disease.
4. You are not hospitalized due to COVID-19.

Most COVID-19 medications are available at no cost to you.

Visit COVID-19 Medication Options (www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/meds.html), or talk with your doctor or another health care provider to see if you may be able to use this medication and to find a clinic.

Tell your health care provider if you:

- Are pregnant or plan to become pregnant
- Are breastfeeding
- Are taking any medications or supplements
- Have any allergies
- Have any serious illnesses

For more information, you may call the COVID-19 Public Hotline at 833-431-2053, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, or from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays.