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# COVID Therapeutic Update

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## Are some patients eligible for 4 doses of COVID vaccine?



YES!!

| Eligible For            | IF YOU RECEIVED Pfizer-BioNTech                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | IF YOU RECEIVED  Moderna                                                                                                                                                                                   | IF YOU RECEIVED  Johnson & Johnson's  Janssen                                                                                                                                               |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Additional Primary Shot | People <b>age 5+</b> who are moderately or severely immunocompromised <b>should</b> get an additional primary shot of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine  Given 28 days after 2 <sup>nd</sup> shot                                                                                 | People age 18+ who are<br>moderately or severely<br>immunocompromised<br>should get an additional<br>primary shot of Moderna<br>COVID-19 vaccine<br>Given 28 days after<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> shot            | No additional primary<br>shot is recommended at<br>this time                                                                                                                                |
| Booster Shot            | <ul> <li>Teens ages 12–17<br/>should only get a<br/>Pfizer-BioNTech<br/>COVID-19 vaccine<br/>booster shot</li> <li>People age 18+<br/>should get a booster<br/>shot of either Pfizer-<br/>BioNTech or<br/>Moderna (mRNA<br/>COVID-19 vaccines)<br/>in most situations</li> </ul> | People <b>age 18+</b> should<br>get a <u>booster shot</u> of<br>either Pfizer-BioNTech or<br>Moderna (mRNA COVID-<br>19 vaccines) in most<br>situations<br>Given 5 months after<br>additional primary shot | People <b>age 18+</b> should<br>get a <u>booster shot</u> of<br>either Pfizer-BioNTech or<br>Moderna (mRNA COVID-<br>19 vaccines) in most<br>situations<br>Given 2 months after 1st<br>shot |
|                         | Given 5 months after<br>additional primary shot<br>https://www.                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                            | gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm70                                                                                                                                                                 |

### Who Is Moderately or Severely Immunocompromised?

- Been receiving active cancer treatment for tumors or cancers of the blood
- Received an organ transplant and are taking medicine to suppress the immune system
- Received a stem cell transplant within the last 2 years or are taking medicine to suppress the immune system
- Moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency (such as **DiGeorge syndrome, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome)**
- Advanced or untreated HIV infection
- Active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids or other drugs that may suppress immune response



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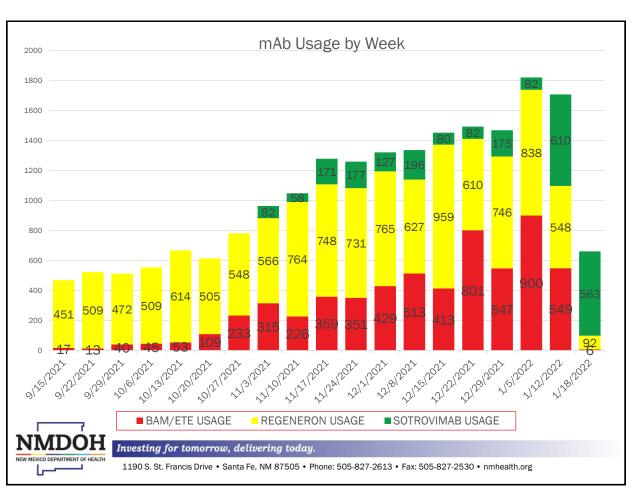
### **COVID-19 Therapeutic Options**

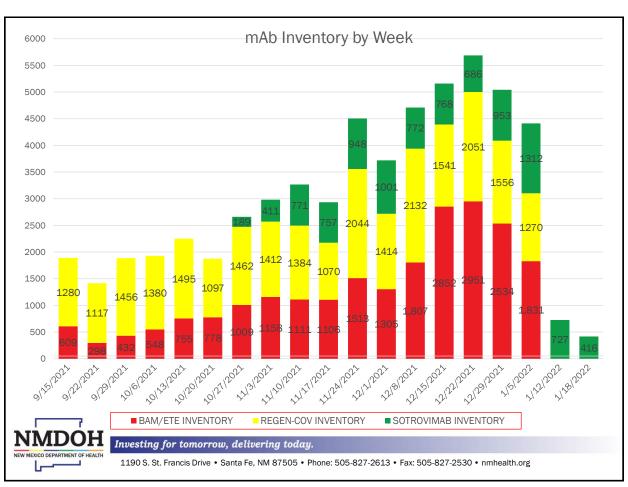
| Medication   | Reduction In hospitalization & death | Route | Treatment Initiation from Symptom Onset | Treatment<br>Duration | Weekly Supply<br>(Week 1/21) |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| Paxlovid     | 88%                                  | Oral  | Within 5 days                           | 5 days                | 260 courses                  |
| Remdesivir   | 87%                                  | IV    | Within 7 days                           | 3 days                | Commercially                 |
|              |                                      |       |                                         | (1-2 hr)              | Available                    |
| Sotrovimab   | 85%                                  | IV    | Within 10 days                          | 30                    | 240 courses                  |
|              |                                      |       |                                         | minutes               |                              |
| Molnupiravir | 30%                                  | Oral  | Within 5 days                           | 5 days                | 1030 courses                 |
| REGEN-COV    | 0%                                   | IV    | Within 10 days                          | 30                    | Not in use                   |
|              |                                      |       |                                         | minutes               |                              |
| BAM/ETE      | 0%                                   | IV    | Within 10 days                          | 1 hour                | Not in use                   |

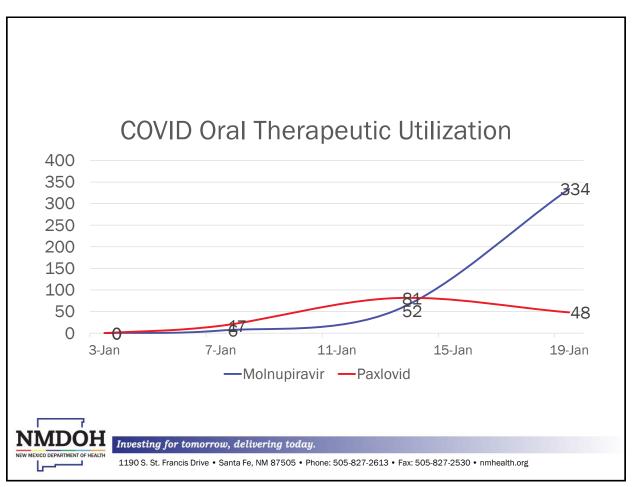


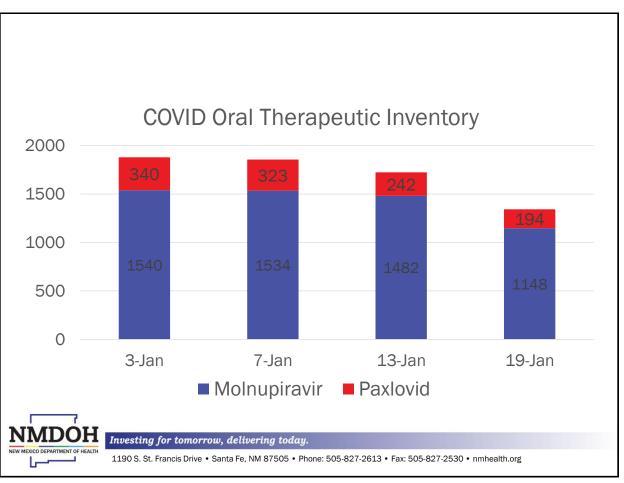
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#### PHASE 1-D

Patients in ALL counties are now eligible.

Sotrovimab & Remdesivir: OMASS score greater than 6

#### Paxlovid:

OMASS score greater than 6 OR 12-17 years with OMASS score 3 or greater

#### Molnupriavir:

OMASS score greater than 3

\*Check DOH webpage for current criteria as they will change. It will be on the same page as participating pharmacy locations

#### PHASE 1:

#### Paxlovid Patient Criteria:

- · Treatment can be started within 5 days or less from symptom onset AND
- Positive COVID-19 test AND Must reside in an eligible county <u>AND</u>
- OMASS score of 6 or greater OR
- 12-17 years of age and an OMASS score of 3 or greater

#### Molnupiravir Patient Criteria:

- Treatment can be started within 5 days or less from symptom onset AND
- Positive COVID-19 test <u>AND</u>
- Must reside in an eligible county <u>AND</u>
- OMASS score 3 or greater

Oral Antiviral & Monoclonal Antibody Screening Score (OMASS) adapted from Mayo Clinic's published Monoclonal Antibody Screening Score (MASS)

| RISK FACTOR                                                                                                                           | POINTS  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Age 65 years and older                                                                                                                | 2       |
| BMI 35 kg/m2 and higher                                                                                                               | 2       |
| Diabetes mellitus                                                                                                                     | 2       |
| Chronic kidney disease                                                                                                                | 3       |
| Cardiovascular disease in a patient 55 years and                                                                                      | older 2 |
| Chronic respiratory disease in a patient 55 years older                                                                               | and 3   |
| Hypertension in a patient 55 years and older                                                                                          | 1       |
| Immunosuppressed and unlikely to have respond vaccines (eg: CD20 inhibitors, BTK inhibitors, campath, recent CAR-T, organ transplant) | ed to 3 |
| Pregnancy*                                                                                                                            | 4       |
| BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) stat                                                                                       | us 1    |

<sup>\*</sup> Molnupiravir is not recommended for use in pregnancy.

#### **Eligible Counties:**

|            | 1-A        |          | 1-B            | 1-C            | 1-D            |
|------------|------------|----------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Bernalillo | Hidalgo    | San Juan | 1-A counties & | 1-B counties & | 1-C counties & |
| Catron     | Lincoln    | Santa Fe | Colfax         | Eddy           | Chaves         |
| Cibola     | McKinley   | Sierra   | Curry          | Lea            | Guadalupe      |
| De Baca    | Mora       | Socorro  | Los Alamos     | Luna           | Roosevelt      |
| Doña Ana   | Rio Arriba | Taos     | Otero          | Quay           |                |
| Grant      | San Miguel | Torrance |                | Union          |                |
| Harding    | Sandoval   | Valencia |                |                |                |



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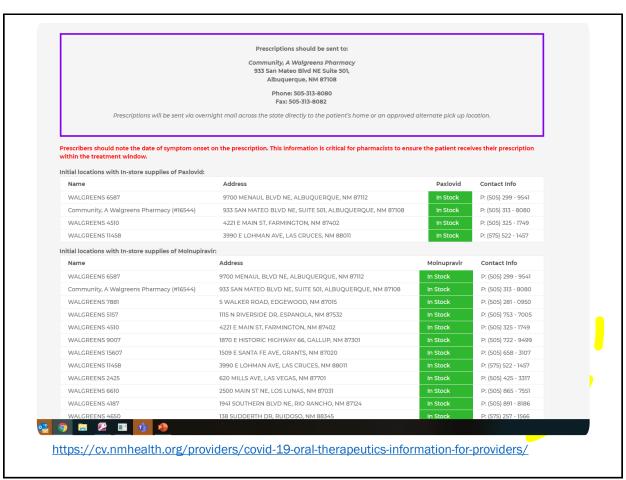
### **Participating Pharmacies**

- Due to very limited supply, there will be a limited network initially.
- As supply increases the network of pharmacies will grow to include additional locations, independents, and chains.
- For a current list of participating pharmacies, check <a href="https://cv.nmhealth.org/providers/covid-19-oral-therapeutics-information-for-providers/">https://cv.nmhealth.org/providers/covid-19-oral-therapeutics-information-for-providers/</a>



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#### **Billing**

- The medication is paid for by the federal government.
- The pharmacy will bill the dispensing fees to patient's insurance. However, patients who are uninsured will not be turned away.
- Uninsured and underinsured patients may have their fees billed through the HRSA COVID-19 Cares Program or the HRSA COVID-19 Coverage Assistance Fund. For more information, please visit <a href="https://hrsa.gov/coviduninsuredclaim">hrsa.gov/coviduninsuredclaim</a>



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### Molnupiravir



Health Care Provider Fact Sheet:

https://www.merck.com/eua/molnupiravir-hcp-fact-sheet.pdf

**Patient Fact Sheet** 

**REQUIRED TO PROVIDE** 

https://www.fda.gov/media/ 155055/download



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#### Molnupiravir

MOA: Nucleoside analog

**DOSING:** 4 (200mg) tablets by mouth twice daily for 5 days.

· With or without food

TREATMENT WINDOW: Must be started within 5 days of symptom onset

AGE: Patients 18 years +

· Not for pediatric patients due to bone/cartilage toxicity in animal models

SIDE EFFECTS: diarrhea, nausea, dizziness DRUG INTERACTIONS: No drug interactions

RENAL/HEPATIC ADJUSTMENT: No renal/hepatic adjustments

EFFICACY: 30% reduction in hospitalization and death

 Utilize when other treatment options are contraindicated or unavailable to the patient or if patient doesn't meet OMASS criteria for other treatment options due to limited supply.



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## Molnupiravir Pregnancy and Birth Conrol

- Not recommended in pregnant individuals
  - Embryo-fetal toxicity in animal studies.
- Males-Contraceptive method for a minimum of 3 months. Studies are ongoing regarding effect on sperm.
- Females-Contraceptive method required during treatment and for four days following treatment.
  - It is recommended females with irregular menses, inconsistent birth control utilization, or no contraceptive utilization receive a pregnancy test prior to receiving medication.



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#### **Paxlovid**



Health Care Provider Fact Sheet:

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#### **Patient Fact Sheet**

#### **REQUIRED TO PROVIDE**

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### Paxlovid (Nirmatrelvir/Ritonavir)

MOA: Peptidomimetic Protease Inhibitor

**DOSING:** 2 tablets of Nirmatrelvir 150mg (pink) AND 1 tablet of ritonavir 100mg (white) by mouth twice daily for 5 days.

· With or without food

TREATMENT WINDOW: Must be started within 5 days of symptom onset

AGE: Patients 12 years +

SIDE EFFECTS: dysgeusia, diarrhea, hypertension, myalgia

**HEPATIC IMPAIRMENT:** Not recommended for severe hepatic

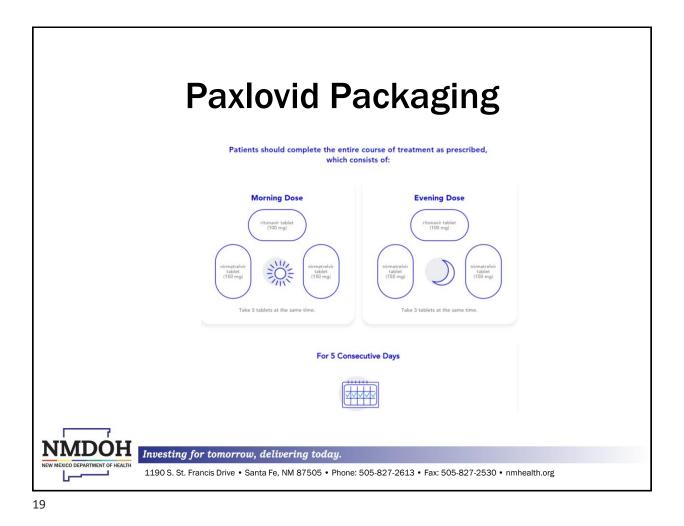
impairment (Child Pugh Class C)

**EFFICACY:** 88% reduction in hospitalization and death.



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### Paxlovid Renal Adjustment

The dosage for PAXLOVID is as follows:

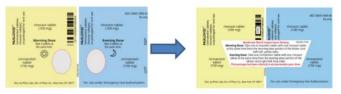
| eGFR*                                                                         | PAXLOVID Dose                                                               |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Greater than 60 mL/min<br>(normal renal function or mild<br>renal impairment) | 300 mg nirmatrelvir with 100 mg ritonavir, taken twice daily for 5 days     |
| ≥30 to <60 mL/min<br>(moderate renal impairment)                              | 150 mg nirmatrelvir with 100 mg ritonavir, taken twice daily for 5 days     |
| <30 mL/min<br>(severe renal impairment)                                       | PAXLOVID is not recommended (the appropriate dose has not been determined). |

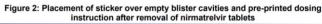
Each daily blister card contains a morning and evening dose, with each dose consisting of 300 mg inmaterior (two oval, pink 150 mg tablets) and 100 mg ritonavir (one ovaloid, white 100 mg tablet) as shown in Figure A below, which is incongruent with the moderate renal impairment



Figure 1: Remove the nirmatrelvir tablets circled in red from the blister card

STEP TWO: Affix the blister card with one sticker from the provided tear pad to carefully cover the empty blister cavities as shown in figure 2 below. The exact placement of this sticker is important to cover the empty blister cavities from the tablets. Ensure the sticker also covers the pre-printed dosing instruction that is on the blister card.







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# Paxlovid Drug Interactions

Potent CYP3A4 Inhibitor

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#### **Medication List**



 With a limited pharmacy network, it is critical that patients are asked about all of their medications.



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### Paxlovid & Pregnancy

- There is no experience treating pregnant women with Paxlovid
  - There are maternal and fetal risks associated with untreated COVID-19
    in pregnancy. Benefit of Paxlovid may outweigh risk. The Society of
    Maternal Fetal Medicine has issued a <u>statement</u> supporting the use of
    Paxlovid in pregnant patients who meet the clinical qualifications.
- Ritonavir may impact combine hormonal contraceptive efficacy. A back up method is recommended for patients for pregnancy avoidance.



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### **Additional Questions**

Please contact <a href="mailto:COVID.Therapeutics@state.nm.us">COVID.Therapeutics@state.nm.us</a>



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