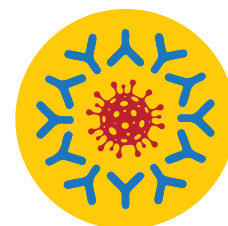


# Treatments for COVID-19

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## What are they?

Medicines are available to help you fight a COVID-19 infection including antiviral pills. These treatments can help keep you from getting severely ill and needing to be hospitalized, but they must be given as soon as possible after your symptoms start. Getting vaccinated is still the best way to prevent COVID-19.



## Could they help me?

You may qualify for these treatments if you've tested positive for COVID-19, are at a higher risk for severe illness, and your symptoms recently started. Children as young as 28 days old and who are at a high risk for severe illness may qualify for treatment. Talk to a doctor to see if these treatments will be safe and effective for you and your child.

## When should I get treated?

These medicines work best if you get them soon after you start to feel sick. You need to start taking antiviral pills within the first 5 days of your symptoms. It's important to get tested for COVID-19 right away if you have symptoms so you can get and take this medicine. Find a testing location near you at <https://coronavirus.utah.gov/testing-and-treatment>.



## How are they given?

Antiviral pills are prescribed to you by a doctor and are taken at home 2 times a day for 5 days. Only authorized, trained healthcare providers can write a prescription for the antiviral pills.

## Are they safe?

These medicines have been authorized by the Federal Drug Administration (FDA), and have been shown in clinical trials to be safe and effective. All medications and medical treatments have side effects. Talk to a doctor or the healthcare provider giving you these medicines if you are worried about side effects and what to watch for.



**Where can I get them?** Your primary care provider, doctor's offices, urgent care clinics, hospitals, and pharmacies across the state can provide these medicines. Talk to a doctor to see if these medicines are right for you. You may be charged a fee or have your insurance billed to get these treatments.

Visit [coronavirus.utah.gov/treatments](https://coronavirus.utah.gov/treatments) or call the Utah Department of Health and Human Services at 385-273-7878 for a list of locations where you can get these treatments.