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Dear Provider,

Since April 2022, Utah has seen an increase of 1631% in the use of PAXLOVID, the first line treatment for COVID-19 in moderate to high risk patients. As more and more providers in Utah directly connect their patients to effective COVID-19 treatments, this letter offers several critical updates and we encourage you to read it in its entirety.

We are asking for your help in providing COVID-19 treatments to newly positive patients that qualify under U.S. Food and Drug Administration Emergency Use Authorization (EUA). **These treatments are widely available and effective.** They can be prescribed in office and filled at pharmacies across Utah. The [COVID-19 Therapeutics Locator](#) displays public locations that have received shipments of COVID-19 treatments with reported stock on hand within the last day.

We encourage you to familiarize yourself with available COVID-19 treatments. For a detailed summary of current National Institute of Health treatment guidelines, please see [Nonhospitalized Adults: Therapeutic Management | COVID-19 Treatment Guidelines](#). For a recent Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA) webinar, please see [What Clinicians Need to Know About Available Therapeutic Options for COVID-19](#).

PAXLOVID remains our first line treatment. [In the era of Omicron](#), PAXLOVID is highly effective in reducing the risk of severe COVID-19. [Patients 65 years and older treated with PAXLOVID](#) had a 67% reduction in COVID-19 hospitalizations and an 81% reduction in COVID-19. Please familiarize yourself with the [EUA](#), [eligibility criteria](#), and new packaging configurations for [renal dosing](#) to connect patients with this life-saving treatment.

[Bebtelovimab](#) remains an alternative COVID-19 treatment option when other approved or authorized COVID-19 treatments are not accessible or clinically appropriate. **The federal supply of Bebtelovimab is expected to run out between July and September 2022.** It is unlikely to be commercially available.

[Molnupiravir](#) (LAGEVRIO) can be appropriate when other treatments are contraindicated due to [drug-drug interactions](#) or renal impairment. Molnupiravir can be especially useful for residents of long-term care facilities who are on medications with contraindications to PAXLOVID. A [recent study](#) found Molnupiravir significantly accelerated SARS-CoV-2 Omicron RNA clearance in patients with COVID-19.

[Evusheld](#) (tixagevimab co-packaged with cilgavimab) is authorized for use as **pre-exposure prophylaxis of COVID-19** in certain adults and children. Review important [dosing changes](#).

Prescriber support navigating [drug-drug interactions](#) is available through the State's COVID hotline 1-800-456-7707 M-F 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. This will link you to a specialist with the Utah Poison Control Center.

Effective March 1, 2022 through the end of the public health emergency, COVID-19 vaccines and treatments in Utah are covered for uninsured individuals **without regard to income or assets** and should be billed to the Utah Medicaid [COVID-19 Services for the Uninsured Program](#). Your uninsured patients can apply for COVID-19 services [here](#).

The Federal government continues to provide treatments at no cost to the state. The Utah Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) allocates treatments to providers. Any provider or pharmacy that would like to stock medications is encouraged to reach out to Evan Crook at evancrook@utah.gov to set up an account to order and report medication utilization. The system now allows for providers to directly order, and DHHS fulfills these orders. **Reporting is bi-weekly on Mondays and Thursdays by 11:59 p.m. ET.**

The Federal government also continues to provide COVID-19 vaccines. If you are not a COVID-19 vaccination provider, visit our [website](#) to review enrollment requirements, submit a [COVID-19 Provider Interest Survey](#), or email covidvaxinquiry@utah.gov for additional assistance. COVID-19 vaccination is widely available throughout Utah. If you are not a COVID-19 vaccination provider, encourage your patients to visit [Coronavirus.utah.gov](https://www.coronavirus.utah.gov) to locate a provider near them and strongly message being up-to-date on all recommended immunizations.

Finally, DHHS is providing [free PCR testing in locations](#) serving vulnerable populations.

Thank you for all you continue to do to care for and protect Utahns.

Kindest regards,



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