

COVID-19 Oral Treatments

Key Reminders for Physicians

Please refer to the following reminders when ordering [nirmatrelvir/ritonavir \(Paxlovid\)](#) or [molnupiravir \(Lagevrio\)](#) oral medications for the treatment of COVID-19.

- Physicians are encouraged to review the [NM COVID-19 Guidance for Outpatient Therapy](#) to understand the indications, contraindications and precautions related to these medications. It is the responsibility of the prescribing physician to have an informed discussion with the patient regarding the safety and efficacy of the medication. For assistance with medication interactions, please reference the [University of Liverpool COVID-19 Drug Interactions Checker](#).
- The EUA fact sheet for the medication being prescribed must be provided to the patient at consultation. Any of the following channels are acceptable:
 - MyNM After Visit Summary
 - MyNM message
 - Printed
 - Link to posting on [nm.org/covid-19 diagnosis and treatments](#)

For patients who are not able to get a printed copy of the EUA fact sheet and do not have a MyNM account, send a link to the fact sheet(s) using the “Real Time Updates” functionality in Epic. [Access Real-Time Updates](#) and [Ambulatory Real-Time Updates](#) tip sheets are available on NM Interactive to assist with this functionality.

- Patients should be instructed to check with the pharmacy to confirm availability and hold time before going there for pickup. Once availability is confirmed, the patient should pick up the prescription in a timely manner to avoid the risk of the medication being placed back in inventory.
- A list of pharmacies with oral medication inventory is available on [healthdata.gov](#). The website is updated only once per day, but can be used as a resource to view pharmacy locations.
- There is no out-of-pocket expense for patients to receive these medications. Patients should be advised to go to any pharmacy has inventory, even if it is not a pharmacy they normally use.
- Additional resources can be found on the [COVID-19 Treatment Resources page](#) of Physician Forum.