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COVID-19 TREATMENTS

ARE THERE TREATMENTS FOR COVID-19?

Yes! If you test positive for COVID-19, you may be eligible for treatments. They are free. Don't wait if you test positive for COVID-19! Treatments only work if you start them within days after you first have symptoms.

WHAT ARE THE TREATMENTS?

There are several medications to treat COVID-19. They have all been tested to make sure they are safe. If you test positive for COVID-19, call your doctor as soon as possible to find out if there is a treatment that is right for you. You need a doctor's referral or prescription to get COVID-19 treatments.

These treatments do not cure COVID-19, but they can make symptoms less severe. That means they keep you from getting very sick from COVID-19 and needing to go to the hospital.



WHO CAN GET COVID-19 TREATMENTS?

Treatments are for people who are at risk of having a very bad (severe) case of COVID-19. People are at high risk if they have conditions that make them more likely to be hospitalized, need intensive care, need a ventilator to help them breathe, or die.

You are at higher risk of having a severe case of COVID-19 if you:

- Are 65 or older
- Have not yet gotten COVID-19 shots
- Are "immunocompromised." Immunocompromised means you have had an organ transplant or have a condition that makes it hard for your body to fight disease.
- Have a medical condition like:
 - Cancer
 - Chronic kidney, liver, lung, disease
 - Cystic fibrosis
 - Dementia or other neurological conditions
 - Diabetes
 - Cognitive disabilities
 - Heart conditions
 - HIV
 - Mental health disorders
 - Obesity
 - Pregnancy
 - Have some other medical conditions.



WHAT ARE THE COVID-19 TREATMENTS?

There are several different kinds of treatments.

More will probably be developed.

The treatments are different in these ways:

- Who is eligible to get them,
- When you get them, and
- How the medicine is given (pill or shot).

Talk with your doctor about this.

More information about each treatment is also on the website linked in the box below.



LEARN MORE ABOUT COVID-19 TREATMENTS

← **Use this QR code** (point your phone's camera at the code square and follow the instructions on your screen), or visit this website:

<https://covidlink.maryland.gov/content/testing/treatment-options/>

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