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Important COVID-19 Therapeutics Updates & Resources

Positive Test No Longer Required for COVID-19 Oral Antivirals

On February 1, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) updated the Emergency Use Authorizations (EUAs) for both [Paxlovid](#) (nirmatrelvir with ritonavir) and [Lagevrio](#) (molnupiravir) to remove the requirement for a positive SARS-CoV-2 test. Patients who have a current diagnosis of mild to moderate COVID-19 based on exposure history and clinical factors may be prescribed either medication, although testing is still recommended by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) whenever possible. This change may help reduce barriers to timely prescribing and dispensing of these medications for appropriate cases.

For more information on COVID-19 therapeutics and treatment, visit <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Treatments.aspx>.

COVID-19 Therapeutics Warmline

California health care providers can now call (866) 268-4322 (COVID-CA) to receive free, real-time, confidential consultation on COVID-19 testing and treatment. This service is available Mon–Fri, 6 a.m. – 5 p.m. and is managed by the UCSF National Clinician Consultation Center.

Upcoming Webinars (Provide CMEs)

Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes (ECHO) webinar series information:

- CA Statewide Webinar – 2nd Wednesday of each month, 12:00-1:00 p.m. PST: [Register for the webinars here](#).
- Northern California Test to Treat ECHO – 1st Wednesday of each month, 12:00-1:00 p.m. PST: [Register here for the Northern CA sessions](#).
- Southern California Test to Treat ECHO – 3rd Wednesday of each month, 12:00-1:00 p.m. PST: [Register here for the Southern CA sessions](#).

New COVID-19 Resources for Health Care Providers

Below are some new, helpful resources:

- [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#) for clinics, providers and pharmacists who are prescribing COVID-19 treatments.
- [COVID-19 Therapeutics Myths and Facts flyer](#)
- ASPR released a new [molnupiravir information sheet](#) and updated the [Paxlovid information sheet](#).

For more COVID-19 resources for providers, visit <https://slocounty.gov/HCP-resources>.

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