DID YOU KNOW THERE ARE ANTIVIRAL MEDICINES THAT CAN HELP TREAT COVID-19 AT HOME?

What are COVID-19 antivirals?

- Antivirals are medicines that can help your body fight viruses
- COVID-19 antivirals work by targeting the virus that causes COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) and stopping it from infecting healthy cells and multiplying in the body
- Taking an antiviral can help reduce your risk of getting very sick from COVID-19

> **Antivirals should be taken as soon as possible after being diagnosed with COVID-19.**

Who is eligible for oral COVID-19 antivirals?

As at 1 March 2024 onwards, you may be eligible for an oral COVID-19 antiviral if you test positive for COVID-19 and are:

70 years and older	50–69 years	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	Immunocompromised
Any person 70 years or older	With **2 risk factors** for severe disease	30 years or older with **1 risk factor** for severe disease	18 years or older who are **moderately to severely immunocompromised**
	OR You were admitted to hospital due to a prior COVID-19 infection		

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What are the risk factors?

Risk factors for severe COVID-19 include:

- Diabetes
- Being very overweight
- Kidney or liver disease
- Conditions affecting your lungs or heart
- Conditions affecting your nervous system, such as dementia or stroke

Other factors that may make you eligible for an antiviral include:

- Living in a nursing home or disability residential facility
- Living remotely with limited access to higher level healthcare

Talk to your doctor about antivirals before you get sick

- It's a good idea to talk to your doctor BEFORE you catch COVID-19 to see if you may be eligible for antiviral treatment
- Talk to your doctor as soon as you test positive. COVID-19 antivirals have to be taken as soon as possible and within 5 days of noticing your symptoms

Need more information?

- **Read more about COVID-19 antivirals:** www.health.gov.au/topics/covid-19/oral-treatments
- **Read more about COVID-19 management plans or check your eligibility for COVID-19 antivirals:** www.knowplango.com.au
- **Eligibility for oral COVID-19 treatments:** https://www.health.gov.au/health-alerts/covid-19/treatments/eligibility

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