COVID-19 can Cause Serious Illness in Children
Children of all ages can get COVID-19. Children can experience complications, be hospitalized and die from this virus. Children with certain health conditions* like: obesity, diabetes, asthma, congenital heart disease, genetic conditions, and conditions affecting the nervous system or metabolism, may make them more at risk for serious illness.

Treatment is Available
Through Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) there are treatments available to children who:
1. Are at increased risk for becoming very ill from COVID-19.
2. Have a positive COVID-19 test.
3. Have mild-to-moderate symptoms only.
4. Are not hospitalized**.
5. Are old enough AND/OR weigh enough for certain treatments.
6. Meet the timeframe for treatments.

COVID-19 Vaccines
Getting your child all recommended doses of their COVID-19 vaccines is still the best way to protect them from serious illness, hospitalization, and death. Vaccines also help to protect against long-term health issues COVID-19 can cause.

Paxlovid
Paxlovid treatment includes 3 pills, or tablets, that are taken orally (2 of the tablets are a drug called nirmatrelvir and the other is ritonavir). They are taken 2 times a day for 5 days, for a total of 30 tablets. To get Paxlovid, a child must:
- Be 12 years or older
- Weigh at least 88 lbs
- Be within 5 days of having symptoms

Remdesivir
Remdesivir (also known as Veklury) is an intravenous (IV) treatment. The treatment amount (measured in milligrams or “mg”) depends on a child’s age and weight. Treatment is daily for 3 days in a row. The IV infusion takes 30 minutes to 2 hours. To get Remdesivir, a child must:
- Weigh at least 7 lbs 11 ounces
- Be within 7 days of having symptoms

Bebtelovimab
Bebtelovimab is a “monoclonal antibody” treatment (also called moAbs or mAbs). It is made up of proteins made to act like the proteins called antibodies in our bodies to fight COVID-19. It is given as an injection through a vein over at least 30 seconds. To get Bebtelovimab, a child must:
- Be 12 years or older
- Weigh at least 88 lbs
- Be within 7 days of having symptoms

Locating Treatment
To find a pharmacy or clinic that carries Paxlovid or Bebtelovimab use this HHS COVID-19 Therapeutics Locator or call 1-800-889-3931. Remdesivir can only be administered under a healthcare provider’s order and will likely take place in an out-patient hospital setting or infusion center.

Cost of Treatment
Talk to your insurance about cost or if your child receives Medicaid visit the HFS website here to learn more about coverage. Talk to your child’s doctor to learn more about the best treatment for your child and about where to get treatment.

*Additional underlying conditions may also qualify.
**Some of the treatments listed here may also be available to children who are hospitalized.

Learn more through the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia or EUA factsheet.
Learn more through the American Academy of Pediatrics or EUA factsheet.
Learn more through the EUA factsheet.