

COVID-19 TREATMENT FOR CHILDREN NOT IN THE HOSPITAL AND AT RISK FOR SEVERE ILLNESS



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.

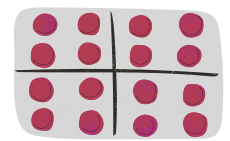


COVID-19 Vaccines

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 and weigh at least 88 lbs and be within 5 days of having symptoms**



Learn more through the [Children's Hospital of Philadelphia](#) or [EUA factsheet](#).

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 and be within 7 days of having symptoms**

Learn more through the [American Academy of Pediatrics](#) or [EUA factsheet](#).

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 and weigh at least 88 lbs and be within 7 days of having symptoms**



Learn more through the [EUA factsheet](#).



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.

