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Important Updates Regarding Pharmacists Authorization to Prescribe Paxlovid

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Recently, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) revised the [Emergency Use Authorization](#) (EUA) for Paxlovid (nirmatrelvir and ritonavir), to authorize state-licensed pharmacists to prescribe Paxlovid to eligible patients, under the following recommended conditions:

- Sufficient information is available, including access to the patient's health records within the last 12 months or in consultation with a health care provider with an established provider-patient relationship, to assess renal and hepatic function.
- Sufficient information is available through access to health records, patient reporting of medical history, or consultation with a health care provider in an established provider-patient relationship, to obtain a comprehensive list of medications (prescribed and nonprescribed) that the patient is taking to assess potential drug interaction.

The EUA recommends Paxlovid treatment be initiated as soon as possible after diagnosis of COVID-19 and within 5 days of symptom onset.

Paxlovid is authorized for the treatment of mild-to-moderate COVID-19 in adults and pediatric patients (12 years of age and older weighing at least 40 kilograms or about 88 pounds) with positive results of direct SARS-CoV-2 viral testing, who are at high risk for progression to severe COVID-19, including hospitalization or death.

Patients in the authorized population who report a positive home test result from a rapid antigen diagnostic test, or a positive PCR test, to their provider are eligible for Paxlovid under the EUA. Confirmation of a positive home rapid antigen diagnostic test with additional direct SARS-CoV-2 viral testing, such as a PCR, is not required.

What Physicians Can Expect

Physicians may receive inquiries from pharmacists requesting patient health records; including information regarding renal and hepatic function and medication history. Patients may also request their health records to provide to their pharmacist. Physicians are encouraged to provide timely consultation, so patients have the ability to access Paxlovid. Under the EUA, [health care practitioners](#), [patients and caregivers](#), and [frequently asked questions](#) fact sheets are available on the [FDA's website](#).

Providers interested in administering COVID therapeutics can submit their information by completing the form at <https://fdoh.readyop.com/fs/4cTd/2fff>.

If providers have questions, please contact the DOH COVID Therapeutics Team at COVID.Therapeutics@flhealth.gov.

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