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Local Availability of Paxlovid for New COVID-19 Cases

Situational Update

Madera County is currently receiving more Paxlovid than is being prescribed, despite an ongoing significant number of new COVID diagnoses. Providers may not be aware of the current availability of Paxlovid. Paxlovid is recommended for those who are older (i.e., over age 65) or those with the relatively common underlying medical conditions listed below. Given how common these medical conditions are, we suspect Paxlovid is being underutilized due to a lack of awareness of the current availability.

Paxlovid Availability

Paxlovid for treatment of COVID is currently available at

- **CVS:** 1400 Howard Rd, Madera, CA
- **Rite Aid:** 48 W Robertson Blvd, Chowchilla, CA

Additional availability beginning in March

- **Walgreens:** 41169 Goodwin Way, Madera, CA
- **CVS:** 40044 Hwy 49, Oakhurst, CA

Current Availability of all COVID Outpatient treatments Can Be Found At

- <https://healthdata.gov/Health/COVID-19-Public-Therapeutic-Locator/rxn6-qnx8>
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Paxlovid Is Recommended For

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 kg) with positive results of direct SARSCoV-2 viral testing, and who are at high risk for progression to severe COVID-19, including hospitalization or death.

Persons Who are Older or With Medical Conditions Listed Below are Candidates for Treatment

Age ([risk increases with each decade after age 50](#)), cancer, cardiovascular disease, chronic kidney disease, chronic lung disease, diabetes, immunocompromising conditions or receipt of

immunosuppressive medications, obesity (body mass index ≥ 30), pregnancy, and sickle cell disease.

For a complete list of risk factors for disease progression, including information on the relative risk of severe disease, see the CDC webpage [Underlying Medical Conditions Associated with High Risk for Severe COVID-19](#).

Prescribing Information:

- Two 150 mg tablets (300 mg) of Nirmatrelvir, with one 100 mg tablet of Ritonavir taken orally for 5 days
- Without regard to food
- As soon as possible after COVID-19 diagnosis and within 5 days of symptom onset.
- Each carton contains five blister packs, one for each day
- Dose reduction needed for moderate renal impairment

There are drug interactions, however, as treatment with Paxlovid is only for 5 days, many medicines can be held and restarted after completion. The website <https://www.covid19-druginteractions.org/checker> makes checking for drug interactions simple.

For the latest information on COVID-19 in Madera County visit www.maderacounty.com/covid19

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