



Health Update

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COVID-19 Test-to-Treat Program in Madera County

Situational Update

The Madera County Department of Public Health is providing the latest information on COVID-19 Test to Treat programs to best support the importance of rapidly connecting people testing positive for COVID-19 with treatment as an effective way to decrease morbidity and mortality. Several therapeutics are currently available and recommended for treating non-hospitalized adults and children 12 years of age and older at high risk of severe illness. Current therapeutics approved by the FDA to treat COVID-19 include Paxlovid, Lagevrio, and Bebtelovimab. These products are longer in shortage and should be used whenever clinically appropriate.

Actions Requested of Clinicians

- *Stay current with the latest COVID-19 recommendations for treatment and the list and availability of approved therapeutics.*
- *Keep informed regarding the COVID-19 Test-to-Treat program and available facilities.*
- *Stay informed on the locally available COVID-19 Test-to-Treat facilities (consider sharing this information with patients as appropriate for your practice)*
 - The "[Test to Treat](#)" program is now available at the OptumServe COVID-19 testing site at the Madera District Fairgrounds. Test-to Treat facilities are locations where individuals can get tested for COVID-19, speak to a health care provider about treatment options if they test positive, and leave with those treatments in hand for free if they are eligible.

These are crucial components to successful COVID-19 health care since most therapeutic options must be initiated as early as possible (usually within five to seven days of symptom onset) to be effective. By allowing patients to get a therapeutic prescribed and dispensed at the same location, test-to-treat models improve patients' likelihood of getting on-time treatment - especially for patients with limited mobility or modes of transportation.

Additional Information on the Test-to-Treat Program

- More information on how the U.S. Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) initiated the program, and how the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has been working with Local Health Departments (LHDs) to add state-selected sites to the system can be obtained by using the link to the full *CDPH Health Update* found [Here](#).
- **Clinical guidance on outpatient treatment can be found** in the [NIH COVID-19 Treatment Guidelines](#). The [CDPH therapeutics webpage](#) provides general information for the public and providers regarding outpatient therapeutic options for COVID-19. Providers can also find a regularly updated [Outpatient Treatment Guide](#) containing a clinical decision aid, dosing and packaging information, and other resources [here](#). A drug-drug interaction checker for COVID-19 medications can be found [here](#).

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

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