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COVID-19 Test to Treat site now available in Madera County

Madera County Department of Public Health (MCDPH) is pleased to announce that 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.

Oral COVID-19 therapeutics (Paxlovid and Lagevrio) are available, which have been found effective against Omicron subvariants BA.1 and BA.2. These therapeutics are for use in children and adults who weigh at least 88 pounds, test positive for COVID-19, have mild to moderate symptoms, and are at high risk for progressing to severe disease.

Treatments work best when given as soon as possible after contracting COVID-19, usually within five to seven days of symptom onset. MCDPH recommends that residents at high risk of developing severe illness from COVID-19 be tested immediately after noticing symptoms to know whether to seek COVID-19 treatments.

"COVID-19 treatments are a key tool in preventing people from becoming seriously ill or hospitalized," said MCDPH Public Health Officer Dr. Simon Paul. "The convenience of the *Test to Treat* program allows residents to quickly get a test, prescription, and medicine all in the same location, which offers a patient the best chance of fighting the virus and preventing serious illness from occurring."

Residents can currently access these treatments regardless of health insurance status by making an appointment to get tested at the Madera Fairgrounds online at LHI.care or by phone at 888-634-1123.

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