

PATIENT INFORMATION: MOLNUPIRAVIR

Molnupiravir may prevent hospitalization or death in adults who are at high risk for severe illness from COVID-19. It must be taken within 5 days of when COVID-19 symptoms start.

What is Molnupiravir?

Molnupiravir is a new medicine used to treat mild-to-moderate COVID-19 in adults (aged 18 and older) who:

- ▶ Have a **positive test** result for COVID-19 viral test
- ▶ Are at **high risk for severe COVID-19** including hospitalization and death, and for whom other COVID-19 treatment options are not accessible or appropriate.

Molnupiravir is an antiviral medicine that is taken by mouth (by swallowing pills) for 5 days. The course of treatment should be completed, regardless of resolution of symptoms.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) to make Molnupiravir available during the COVID-19 pandemic. Molnupiravir is not an FDA-approved medicine in the United States.



Tell your healthcare provider if you:

- are **pregnant**, may become pregnant, or are sexually active with partners who may become pregnant.
- have any **allergies**
- are **breastfeeding** or plan to breastfeed
- have any **serious illnesses**
- are taking any **medicines** (prescription, over-the-counter, vitamins, or herbal products)

Does Molnupiravir have side effects?

- ▶ Molnupiravir may cause severe harm to unborn babies (based on information from studies with animals)
- ▶ Allergic reactions may happen in people taking Molnupiravir
- ▶ The most common side effects are:
 - > Diarrhea
 - > Nausea
 - > Dizziness



Where can I find Molnupiravir?

Locations of Molnupiravir can be found at the VDH COVID-19 Treatment Locator Tool. **The link is an interactive map on the VDH website that allows the public and providers to locate therapeutics sites in Virginia:** <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/mabs/covid-19-treatment-locator/>



A prescription is required for all available therapeutics.



You can find more information about COVID-19 treatments at <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus>

