



COVID medicines

Medicines are available for eligible people to treat and prevent COVID-19.

Medicines to treat COVID-19

Most people can manage COVID-19 safely at home without medication but medicines are available for eligible people who can get very sick with COVID-19.

Use this [tool](#) to find out if you are eligible. If you are at a higher risk of falling very sick, it's a good idea to talk to your GP if COVID medicine is right for you. Having a plan for what to do if you get COVID-19 will mean that you can start taking medicine as soon as possible.

How to get COVID medicines

- Report your positive test result online or by calling the Coronavirus Hotline on **1800 675 398** to get access to COVID medicines.
- See a GP to talk about COVID-19 medicine. If you can't get an appointment with a GP or a [GP Respiratory Clinic](#), contact the [Victorian Virtual Emergency Department](#).
- A GP will prescribe you COVID-19 medicine if you are eligible. For COVID-19 medicine to work best, you must take it within 5 days of getting symptoms, even if they are mild.

Medicines to prevent COVID-19

Medicine to help prevent COVID-19 is available for people who have a:

- weakened immune system, or
- severe allergy which means they are unable to get vaccinated.

This medicine does not replace vaccination for people who can be vaccinated. Vaccination is the best way to protect yourself from becoming sick with COVID-19.

COVID medicine is available at participating pharmacies only. Talk to your GP for more information on eligibility.