

# DID YOU KNOW THERE ARE ANTIVIRAL MEDICINES THAT CAN HELP TREAT COVID-19 AT HOME?

## What are COVID-19 antiviral medicines?

- Antiviral medicines are medicines that can help your body fight viruses
- COVID-19 antiviral medicines work by targeting the virus that causes COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) and stopping it from infecting healthy cells and multiplying in the body
- Taking an antiviral medicine can help reduce your risk of getting very sick from COVID-19

Antiviral medicines should be taken as soon as possible after being diagnosed with COVID-19.

## Who is eligible for oral COVID-19 antiviral medicines?

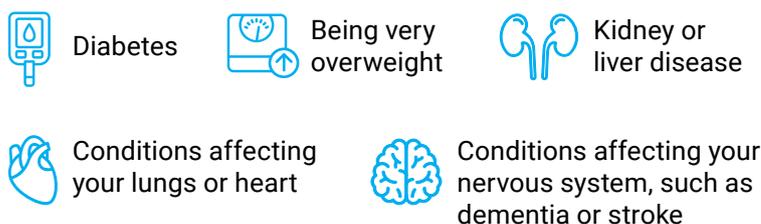
As at 1 March 2024 onwards, you may be eligible for oral COVID-19 antiviral medicine if you test positive for COVID-19 and are:

70 years and older	50–69 years	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	Immunocompromised
Any person 70 years or older	With <b>≥ 2 risk factors</b> for severe disease	30 years or older with <b>≥ 1 risk factor</b> for severe disease	18 years or older and <b>moderately to severely immunocompromised</b>
	<b>OR</b> You were admitted to hospital due to a prior COVID-19 infection		
			

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## What are the risk factors?

Risk factors for severe COVID-19 include:



Other factors that may make you eligible for an antiviral medicine include:

- Living in a nursing home or disability residential facility
- Living remotely with limited access to higher level healthcare

## Talk to your doctor about antiviral medicines before you get sick

- It's a good idea to talk to your doctor BEFORE you catch COVID-19 to see if you may be eligible for antiviral medicine
- Talk to your doctor as soon as you test positive. COVID-19 antiviral medicines have to be taken as soon as possible and within 5 days of noticing your symptoms

## Need more information?

- **Learn more about COVID-19 antiviral medicines:** [www.health.gov.au/topics/covid-19/oral-treatments](http://www.health.gov.au/topics/covid-19/oral-treatments)
- **Check your eligibility for COVID-19 antiviral medicines:** [www.knowandgo.com.au](http://www.knowandgo.com.au)
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