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Filling Paxlovid Prescriptions in San Luis Obispo County

Paxlovid™ (nirmatrelvir tablets and ritonavir tablets, co-packaged for oral use) is now available in extremely limited quantities in San Luis Obispo County. Several pharmacies are scheduled to receive small shipments (20-40 courses of treatment) from the California Department of Public Health.

The Public Health Dept. expects pharmacists and their staff to serve as responsible stewards of this scarce resource so that it may go to those who are most at risk. Please review prescriptions for this medication to ensure they are appropriate given the EUA and current criteria.

The Paxlovid emergency use authorization (EUA) is for individuals age 12 and older weighing at least 40 kg, with mild to moderate symptomatic COVID-19 who are at high risk for progression to severe disease. It is not authorized for initiation of treatment in patients requiring hospitalization due to severe or critical COVID-19 and is not authorized for use as pre-exposure or post-exposure prophylaxis for prevention of COVID-19.

Given the scarce supply, providers in SLO County are asked to prescribe Paxlovid only to those in Tier 1 and Tier 2 of the [NIH COVID-19 Treatment Guidelines Panel Criteria for Patient Prioritization for Outpatient Anti-SARS-CoV-2 Therapies](#):

Tier	Risk Group
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Immunocompromised individuals not expected to mount an adequate immune response to COVID-19 vaccination or SARS-CoV-2 infection due to their underlying conditions, regardless of vaccine status (see Immunocompromising Conditions below); or</li> <li>Unvaccinated individuals at the highest risk of severe disease (anyone aged ≥75 years or anyone aged ≥65 years with additional risk factors).</li> </ul>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unvaccinated individuals at risk of severe disease not included in Tier 1 (anyone aged ≥65 years or anyone aged &lt;65 years with clinical risk factors)</li> </ul>

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For details and a complete list of drugs that should not be taken in combination with Paxlovid, see the fact sheet for healthcare providers at [www.fda.gov/media/155050/download](http://www.fda.gov/media/155050/download).

**For More Information**

FDA Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers: Emergency Use Authorization for Paxlovid:  
[www.fda.gov/media/155050/download](http://www.fda.gov/media/155050/download)

FDA Fact Sheet for Patients, Parents, and Caregivers Emergency Use Authorization of Paxlovid:  
<https://www.fda.gov/media/155051/download>

Frequently Asked Questions on the Emergency Use Authorization for Paxlovid:  
<https://www.fda.gov/media/155052/download>