



**Indiana**  
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**Health**

## Long-term Care NEWSLETTER

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### LTC Update:

#### **ASSISTANCE FOR LTC FACILITIES TO LOCATE COVID-19 ANTIVIRALS**

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has granted Emergency Use Authorization for two antiviral medications, Paxlovid and molnupiravir, to treat mild to moderate confirmed COVID-19 in individuals who are at high risk for developing severe COVID-19.

Due to the extremely small number of treatment courses received, the Indiana Department of Health is initially allocating these medications to hospitals, CVS stores and Wal-Mart pharmacies to provide access across the state. While supplies are limited, IDOH is partnering with Probari to help LTC facilities and LTC pharmacies locate antivirals for eligible residents.

***These medications are authorized only for those with mild to moderate illness in individuals with confirmed COVID-19 who are at high risk for progression, are not hospitalized, and are within five days of symptom onset. They are NOT for pre-exposure or post-exposure prophylaxis. These treatments are in very limited supply and require a prescription. A prescription does not guarantee the medication will be available.***

***The facility should screen whether the resident is eligible for the antivirals and discuss with the clinical provider and/or pharmacy to ensure there is no contraindication for the medication. Please see the below links for fact sheets for each of these medications' dosing, cautions, contraindications and prescribing information.***

**[FACT SHEET FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS: EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION FOR PAXLOVID \(fda.gov\)](https://www.fda.gov/oc/2021/12/21-emergency-use-authorization-paxlovid)**

[FACT SHEET FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS: EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION FOR MOLNUPIRAVIR \(fda.gov\)](#)

If a resident is deemed eligible, the facility should contact their LTC pharmacy or contact Probari directly at 317-804-4102 and provide the following information:

- Resident name and DOB
- Prescriber name and phone number
- Distance the facility is able to drive to pick up the medication
- Facility contact name and callback number

Probari will be available 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Saturdays.

If necessary, Probari will reach out to multiple locations to secure the medication. If a treatment course is available, Probari will give the resident's and prescriber's information to the dispensing hospital or pharmacy and ask them to hold the medication under the resident's name. Probari will call the facility or LTC pharmacy back with either an availability update or dispensing details.

**The facility (the clinical provider or other staff) will have to call the hospital or pharmacy to send a prescription for the resident to receive the medication and to arrange pick up.**

**Given the limited supply and extremely high demand, please be aware that courses might not be available for many who meet the treatment criteria.**