



# TREATMENTS FOR ADULT KIDNEY PATIENTS WHO DEVELOP COVID-19

## COVID-19 TREATMENTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE FOLLOWING GROUPS OF KIDNEY PATIENTS:


**1** **Transplant patients**  
(Including failed transplants within the last 12 months)



**2** **Those on immunosuppression**  
(Including rituximab)



**3** **Those with CKD stage 4 or 5**  
(eGFR < 30ml/min)  
(Including dialysis patients)



## ACTION REQUIRED:



To receive treatment you will need to confirm suspected symptoms with a **lateral flow test** or **PCR test** and **register the result on gov.uk** or via **119**.

### NOTE:













Do this **AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE** as treatments need to be started early to be effective.

If you have COVID-19, you need to be referred to a specialist service to receive treatment: Covid Medicines Delivery Unit (CMDU) in England; a health professional in Wales or NI; or by phoning your **Health Board in Scotland**.

## WHAT TREATMENTS ARE AVAILABLE?

There are two types of treatment, antiviral medicines and monoclonal antibodies. They work in different ways to stop serious illness from Covid-19.

The ones you may be given are:

Medication	How Given	When Given	Type of Treatment	Who for
<b>Sotrovimab</b>	 Single injection given at a hospital or clinic	Within 5 days of symptoms starting 	Monoclonal antibody 	Most suitable treatment for many kidney patients
<b>Paxlovid</b>	 Tablets taken at home for 5 days	Within 5 days of symptoms starting 	Antiviral 	Not suitable for many kidney patients or in pregnancy
<b>Remdesivir</b>	 Daily injections for three days at a hospital or clinic	Within 7 days of symptoms starting 	Antiviral 	Not suitable for those with low kidney function
<b>Molnupiravir</b>	 Capsules taken at home for 5 days	Within 5 days of symptoms starting 	Antiviral 	Less effective treatment but suitable for many kidney patients (but not in pregnancy)

Doctors will decide which is the best treatment for you. For more detailed information, see the **Renal Pharmacy Group leaflet** View and download the **Kidney Charities Together** guide on what you need to know about Coronavirus testing.

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