

FROM THE HOME OWNERS' ASSOCIATION – AVAILABILITY OF PAXLOVID –

This message has come to our attention from Simon McKay, Stroud Pharmacy and we were requested if we could get the information to residents.

Starting Tues. April 12th there will be a significant increase in availability of antiviral COVID-19 treatment medication (Paxlovid) from community pharmacies & primary care prescribers -at no cost to the patient.

This medication is intended to prevent hospitalizations of higher risk individuals who become infected with COVID-19. **To be effective, this medication must be started within 5 days of symptomatic infection.**

COVID-19 symptoms can vary from person to person, but we are seeing very high rates of infection in our community at this time. **Being vigilant when monitoring for symptoms, testing, and seeking treatment early in the course of infection are all important factors to help slow community spread, and improve patient outcomes.**

There are very specific criteria as to who qualifies for antiviral treatment (based on effectiveness), and many clinical considerations such as health status and drug interactions that may make someone ineligible for this treatment (based on safety) -but it is available, and will likely have a very important role as we navigate the next few weeks. It is so important that people know that there are at home treatments now available in our community. Any questions may be directed to: healthhubrx@gmail.com

Declaration: I'm not being paid to promote this medication. It is being supplied by the Ministry of Health. I do have a vested interest in sharing my knowledge, particularly when it can help to keep our community safe & strong.

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