

Paxlovid Update

To: Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Nurses, and Midwives
Hospital Infection Control Departments and Emergency Departments

We are forwarding the updated [Recommendation on the use of Paxlovid/French](#) on behalf of Ontario Health. Please note, this update significantly expands the population eligible for Paxlovid and simplifies the decision-making algorithm.

In summary, Paxlovid should be strongly considered for individuals who have a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis (based on positive PCR, rapid molecular, or rapid antigen test result), present within 5 days of symptom onset, and meet one or more of the following criteria:

- The individual is 60 years of age or older;
 - The individual is 18 years of age or older and is immunocompromised;
 - The individual is 18–59 years old and is at higher risk of severe COVID-19. Patients at higher risk of severe COVID-19 include:
 - Those who have one or more comorbidity that puts them at higher risk of severe COVID-19 disease
- OR
- Those with inadequate immunity, i.e.:
 - Unvaccinated or incomplete primary series
- OR
- Completed primary series AND last COVID-19 vaccine dose was more than 6 months ago AND last SARS-CoV-2 infection was more than 6 months ago

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