

MedStar Family Choice Maryland HealthChoice

Clinician Alert: Updates Related to COVID-19 Therapeutic Drugs and Guidance for COVID-19 Treatments as Shared by MDH

May 27, 2022 – As COVID-19 cases continue to fluctuate across the nation and within Maryland, MedStar Family Choice (MFC) on behalf of the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) would like to ensure you are seeing this important communication related to COVID-19 therapeutic drugs and updated guidance for COVID-19 treatments.

This communication provides specific information to the wide availability and importance of Paxlovid which has demonstrated an 89% reduction in risk of hospitalization or death from COVID-19 when compared to a placebo, and additional guidance as issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

There are other updates pertaining to:

- A New Resource – Physician Treatment Toolkit and how to access it;
- Test-to-Treat (T2T) sites and contact information for how to obtain oral antiviral agents to dispense at your practice or how to become a T2T site; and
- Evusheld (pre-exposure prophylaxis for immunocompromised individuals) – this treatment may be a viable option for those that qualify as moderate to severe immune deficiency or those that may remain highly vulnerable to COVID-19 but remains to have low utilization rates.

Additional details for the abovementioned updates and guidance can be found in the associated communication compiled by MDH at this link:

<https://www.medstarfamilychoice.com/-/media/project/mho/mfc/provider-alerts/Therapeutics%20Weekly%20Update%20May%202022>

Please remember the best way to prevent against more serious conditions from COVID-19 is staying up to date with COVID-19 vaccinations.

We are strongly encouraging **all healthcare practitioners** to please take the time to review the materials to support our fight against the spread of COVID-19 and how to best treat those that become affected by COVID-19. **Please be sure to share this information with all healthcare clinicians in your practice.**