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SUBJECT: **ANNOUNCING THE COVID-19 TEST TO TREAT INITIATIVE**

**Provider Information Notice (PIN) Summary**

**PIN 22-04-CCLD provides information about assistance available through the Test to Treat initiative that gives individuals an important way to rapidly access free treatment for COVID-19 through nationwide pharmacy-based clinics, federally funded health centers, and long-term care facilities.**

***If applicable, please post/keep this PIN in the facility where persons in care and/or their authorized representatives can easily access it, and share with healthcare providers who visit the facilities.***

The Biden-Harris Administration has announced a new nationwide COVID-19 **Test to Treat** initiative that gives individuals who live in the U.S. an important new way to rapidly access free lifesaving treatment for COVID-19. While vaccination continues to provide the best protection against COVID-19, the **Test to Treat** initiative is part of a broader strategy to quickly connect eligible individuals who are at high risk of getting very sick from COVID-19 to appropriate treatments that have shown improved results.

Since March 7, 2022, the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) has distributed oral antiviral pills molnupiravir (Merck's Lagevrio™) and nirmatrelvir and ritonavir (Pfizer's Paxlovid™) to participating **Test to Treat** pharmacy-based clinics. In this **Test to Treat** program, individuals can get tested for COVID-19 and — if the test result is positive for COVID-19 and treatment is deemed

appropriate for them — receive their prescribed treatment all in one location. Best results are observed when these treatments are started as soon as possible after diagnosis.

The ***Test to Treat*** initiative builds upon the existing distribution system used for oral antivirals and will be available to individuals age 12 and over who qualify for treatment in thousands of nationwide locations, including pharmacy-based clinics, federally-funded health centers, long-term care facilities, and Optum Serve testing sites. Beginning in May, new [federally-supported Test to Treat locations](#) are available to build on existing Test to Treat networks by focusing on reaching hard-hit and high-risk communities and ensuring equitable access to lifesaving COVID-19 treatments. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is also connecting our nation's veterans who test positive at VA medical centers directly to treatment.

**Important!** Individuals may also continue to be tested and treated by their own healthcare providers, healthcare clinics in their community, and telehealth providers who can appropriately prescribe these oral antivirals at locations where they are being distributed. This may be an important consideration for greater access to the individual's medical records and for making use of the resources specific to that individual's health plan.

A growing list of ***Test to Treat*** providers and long-term care pharmacy providers is currently available on the [ASPR Test to Treat Locator](#).

## **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

For more information, please see the following additional resources:

- [Fact Sheet](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness & Response](#)

If you have any questions, please contact your local Regional Office or other designated CCLD contact:

- [Adult and Senior Care Regional Offices](#)
- [Children's Residential Program Regional Offices](#)
- [Child Care Regional Offices](#)
- [Home Care Services Bureau](#)