



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

**This is an official  
MS Health Alert Network (HAN) Alert**

**MESSAGE ID:** MSHAN-20220420-00569-ALT (Health Alert)  
**RECIPIENTS:** All Physicians, Hospitals, ERs, ICPs, NPs, PAs, and  
Healthcare Providers – Statewide  
Wednesday, April 20, 2022  
**SUBJECT:** COVID-19 Therapeutics Survey

Dear Colleagues,

Paxlovid and Lagevrio (molnupiravir) are oral antivirals utilized for the treatment of mild to moderate SARS-CoV-2 infection (COVID-19). These medications, when initiated within 5 days of symptom onset, can reduce hospitalizations and death by 88% and 30% (Paxlovid and Lagevrio, respectively). The oral antiviral medications were purchased by the federal government and the only cost to a patient is a nominal dispensing fee at the pharmacy.

The Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) has developed a brief survey to understand provider awareness of the availability and utilization of oral antivirals for the treatment of COVID-19. This information will assist MSDH with ongoing planning to broaden the use of these medications.

Please see the link below for the very brief survey and please submit by the deadline of April 30, 2022.

- [COVID Therapeutics Survey \(ms.gov\)](#)

Additional resources:

- Brief Educational Video: [MSDH "COVID-19 Therapeutics: Oral Antivirals"](#)
- Dispensing Locations: [MS COVID-19 Therapeutics Locator](#)

Please email [C19Therapeutics@msdh.ms.gov](mailto:C19Therapeutics@msdh.ms.gov) with any questions or concerns.

Thank you.



***Alerting Message Specification Settings***

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| <b>Originating Agency:</b> | Mississippi State Department of Health |
| <b>Alerting Program:</b>   | MS Health Alert Network (MS HAN)       |
| <b>Message Identifier:</b> | MSHAN-20220420-00569-ALT               |
| <b>Program (HAN) Type:</b> | Health Alert                           |
| <b>Status (Type):</b>      | Actual ( )                             |
| <b>Message Type:</b>       | Alert                                  |
| <b>Reference:</b>          | MSHAN-00569                            |
| <b>Severity:</b>           | Unknown                                |
| <b>Acknowledgement:</b>    | No                                     |
| <b>Sensitive:</b>          | Not Sensitive                          |
| <b>Message Expiration:</b> | Undetermined                           |
| <b>Urgency:</b>            | Undetermined                           |
| <b>Delivery Time:</b>      | 600 minutes                            |

**Definition of Alerting Vocabulary and Message Specification Settings**

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| <b>Originating Agency:</b>  | A unique identifier for the agency originating the alert.  |
| <b>Alerting Program:</b>    | The program sending the alert or engaging in alerts and communications using PHIN Communication and Alerting (PCA) as a vehicle for their delivery.  |
| <b>Message Identifier:</b>  | A unique alert identifier that is generated upon alert activation (MSHAN-yyymmdd-hhmm-TTT ( <b>ALT=Health Alert</b> , <b>ADV=Health Advisory</b> , <b>UPD=Health Update</b> , <b>MSG/INFO=Message/Info Service</b> )). |
| <b>Program (HAN) Type:</b>  | Categories of Health Alert Messages.   |
| <b>Health Alert:</b>        | Conveys the highest level of importance; warrants immediate action or attention.   |
| <b>Health Advisory:</b>     | Provides important information for a specific incident or situation; may not require immediate action.   |
| <b>Health Update:</b>       | Provides updated information regarding an incident or situation; unlikely to require immediate action.   |
| <b>Health Info Service:</b> | Provides Message / Notification of general public health information; unlikely to require immediate action.  |
| <b>Status (Type):</b>       |  |
| Actual:                     | Communication or alert refers to a live event  |
| Exercise:                   | Designated recipients must respond to the communication or alert   |
| Test:                       | Communication or alert is related to a technical, system test and should be disregarded  |
| <b>Message Type:</b>        |  |



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Alert: Indicates an original Alert  
Update: Indicates prior alert has been Updated and/or superseded  
Cancel: Indicates prior alert has been cancelled  
Error: Indicates prior alert has been retracted

**Reference:** For a communication or alert with a Message Type of “Update” or “Cancel”, this attribute contains the unique Message Identifier of the original communication or alert being updated or cancelled. “n/a” = Not Applicable.

**Severity:**

Extreme: Extraordinary threat to life or property  
Severe: Significant threat to life or property  
Moderate: Possible threat to life or property  
Minor: Minimal threat to life or property  
Unknown: Unknown threat to life or property

**Acknowledgement:** Indicates whether an acknowledgement on the part of the recipient is required to confirm that the alert was received, and the timeframe in which a response is required (Yes or No).

**Sensitive:**

Sensitive: Indicates the alert contains sensitive content  
Not Sensitive: Indicates non-sensitive content

**Message Expiration:** Undetermined.

**Urgency:** Undetermined. Responsive action should be taken immediately.

**Delivery Time:** Indicates the timeframe for delivery of the alert (15, 60, 1440, 4320 minutes (.25, 1, 24, 72 hours)).