

ODP and HCQU News Alert

What's New in the World of COVID-19?



Testing and Treatment

Get free at-home COVID-19 tests! Every home in the United States is eligible to order 2 sets of 4 free-at home tests! Order at covidtests.gov

If you already ordered your first set, order a second today.

Tested positive for COVID-19? Depending on your risk factors and co-morbidities, you might be eligible for outpatient treatment of COVID-19. Talk to your doctor about the various treatment options listed below.

- Nirmatrelvir-ritonavir aka Paxlovid
 - careful dosing and watch for drug-drug interactions
- Monoclonal antibodies
 - Sotrovimab and Bebtelovimab
- Remdesivir
- Molnupiravir
 - *Not approved for use in under 18 years old



Prevention

What's changed with masking? CDC released new guidelines for community only to mask up depending on your [COVID-19 community levels](#) (low, medium, or high). This is determined by looking the number of hospital beds being used, hospital admissions, and total number of COVID-19 cases in your area.

BUT - this doesn't apply to healthcare settings, nursing facilities, and personal homes.

Need a free N95 mask? Find one at the [HRSA website!](#)



Vaccination

What's changed with vaccines? Currently, for children aged 5-17 years old, only the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is approved.

Recent [new data from New York](#) shows it to be less efficacious in ages 5-11. What does this mean? Still TBD, but recommendation is to continue vaccinating!

Due to higher relative risk of myocarditis in males ages 12-39 years, CDC recommends waiting up to 8 weeks between the first and second doses of the mRNA vaccine.