

## ODP and HCQU News Alert

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



#### Testing

Get **free at-home** COVID-19 tests! Every home in the United States is eligible to order another round of free at-home tests! Order here: [covidtests.gov](https://covidtests.gov)

- Take at-home tests immediately if you have symptoms.
- Take at-home tests at least 5 days after an exposure. If you test negative, consider retesting in 1-2 days.
- Take at-home tests before going to an indoor event or a gathering especially if there will be at-risk or older individuals there.



#### Treatment

##### **Nirmatrelvir-ritonavir aka Paxlovid**

- Risk of rebound symptoms after completing the 5 day course. If this happens, re-treatment is NOT recommended but patients should isolate again

**Bebtelovimab** is the ONLY monoclonal antibody approved for treatment at this time



#### Prevention

Vaccine update for children ages 5-11 years

- Immunocompetent children **should** receive one booster dose at least five months after the second dose of the primary series, for a total of three doses.
- Moderately or severely immunocompromised children **should** receive one booster dose three months after the third primary dose for a total of four doses.
- Pfizer-BioNTech is the only approved vaccine in this group.

Second booster dose

- CDC recommends a 2nd booster of either Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine **at least 4 months after the 1st booster for:**
  - Adults ages 50 years and older
  - People 12 years or older who are moderately or severely immunocompromised
- Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine cannot be used as a 2<sup>nd</sup> booster.

Pre-exposure prophylaxis

- Certain individuals over 12 years who are high-risk or those who cannot get the vaccines may qualify for tixagevimab-cilgavimab or Evusheld.

**This could prevent or dampen the effects of a SARS-CoV-2 infection.**