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RE: Outpatient therapeutics for COVID-19

Priority: **URGENT**

Summary: FDA suspends use of REGEN-COV, prioritizing patients for limited supplies of Paxlovid and Sotrovimab, local options for prescribing COVID-19 therapeutics.

Dear Humboldt County Medical Providers,

There have been many recent changes in the landscape of outpatient COVID-19 therapeutics. As of January 24th, the [FDA has temporarily suspended the EUA for REGEN-COV \(casirivimab/imdevimab\) and bamlanivimab/etesevimab](#), due to their lack of effectiveness against the Omicron variant. The FDA will be monitoring the situation and update if the evidence becomes available that these therapies are again useful in our community. Since REGEN-COV was the most widely used outpatient therapeutic in Humboldt County, this announcement has significant impact locally.

HCPH along with medical leadership across the county had been working together to prepare for this. Recently a new order set for Providence-Saint Joseph's Hospital monoclonal antibody clinic has been updated to reflect the most up to date outpatient COVID-19 therapeutics recommendations. Please use this new order set when placing referrals to the monoclonal antibody clinic for either injectable or oral therapeutics.

Due to the very low supply of Paxlovid and Sotrovimab in Humboldt County, prescription of those two medications are restricted to those who are at the highest risk by [NIH guidelines](#), risk groups of tier 1 and 2, until treatments become more widely available. NIH recommends use of (in order of preference): Paxlovid, Sotrovimab, Remdesivir, Molnupiravir. Remdesivir and Molnupiravir are in better supply locally so you may prescribe to all tiers listed.

Tier	Risk Group
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Immunocompromised individuals not expected to mount an adequate immune response to COVID-19 vaccination or SARS-CoV-2 infection due to their underlying conditions, regardless of vaccine status (see Immunocompromising Conditions below); <i>or</i>Unvaccinated individuals at the highest risk of severe disease (anyone aged ≥ 75 years or anyone aged ≥ 65 years with additional risk factors).



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Tier	Risk Group
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unvaccinated individuals at risk of severe disease not included in Tier 1 (anyone aged ≥ 65 years or anyone aged < 65 years with clinical risk factors)
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vaccinated individuals at high risk of severe disease (anyone aged ≥ 75 years or anyone aged ≥ 65 years with clinical risk factors) <p>Note: Vaccinated individuals who have not received a COVID-19 vaccine booster dose are likely at higher risk for severe disease; patients in this situation within this tier should be prioritized for treatment.</p>
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vaccinated individuals at risk of severe disease (anyone aged ≥ 65 years or anyone aged < 65 with clinical risk factors) <p>Note: Vaccinated individuals who have not received a COVID-19 vaccine booster dose are likely at higher risk for severe disease; patients in this situation within this tier should be prioritized for treatment.</p>

In addition to Providence-Saint Joseph’s Hospital order set for both injectable and oral COVID-19 therapeutics, there are several clinics and pharmacies that have received small quantities of oral outpatient therapeutics. [HHS is maintaining a website](#) for providers to find where in our community COVID-19 therapeutics can be found. Please know that this is subject to change based on availability at the federal, state and county level.

As always throughout the pandemic we greatly appreciate your care and attention to Humboldt County residents and the quickly changing guidance on COVID-19.

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Links:

<https://covid-19-therapeutics-locator-dhhs.hub.arcgis.com/>

https://www.covid19treatmentguidelines.nih.gov/therapies/statement-on-patient-prioritization-for-outpatient-therapies/?utm_campaign=highlights

