

NOTICE

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Dear Healthcare Professional:

Paxlovid Update: Access to Paxlovid through Community Pharmacies

Paxlovid is available in a standard dose pack and a low dose pack through community pharmacies throughout the province for both **residents** and **non-residents** of the province.

The standard dose pack (DIN 02524031), should be used for patients with normal renal function or mild renal impairment (eGFR \geq 60 mL/min). This packaging configuration consists of 30 tablets divided into 5 daily-dose blister cards. Each daily blister card contains **4 nirmatrelvir tablets** (150 mg each) and 2 ritonavir tablets (100 mg each) separated into morning and evening doses.

Pfizer has introduced new packaging (DIN 02527804) with the appropriate dose for use in patients with **moderate renal impairment (eGFR 30 – 60 mL/min)**. This new packaging configuration is intended to mitigate dosing errors, given that patients with moderate renal impairment require a reduced daily dose of nirmatrelvir. Each box of the new dose pack contains 20 tablets divided in 5 daily-dose blister cards. Each daily blister card contains **2 nirmatrelvir tablets** (150 mg each) and 2 ritonavir tablets (100 mg each), which are separated into morning and evening doses.

It is recommended that the lower dose format (DIN 02527804) be used in all instances where the lower dose is required for a patient with moderate renal impairment.

A limited supply of Paxlovid is available provincially, therefore only individuals meeting the eligibility criteria as outlined on the Screening and Prescribing Form will be able to access the treatment. The Screening and Prescribing Form and Health Professional Guidance can be found at: [Information for Health Professionals - COVID-19 \(gov.nl.ca\)](https://www.gov.nl.ca/health/meds/paxlovid/).