

Molnupiravir leaflet for oral medication

Covid-19 Medicines Delivery Unit (CMDU)

Introduction

This leaflet has been produced for people who are eligible for oral antiviral Covid-19 medication. It is only available for adults aged 18 years and older.

The CMDU service is available to offer support for those vulnerable patients who have tested positive for Covid 19 to ensure they are protected from the impact of Covid, aiming to reduce hospital admissions and fatalities.

Medication

Molnupiravir works by stopping the Covid 19 virus growing and spreading. This may help your body overcome the infection.

Molnupiravir is available as 200mg capsules and you take 4 capsules twice a day. This is a 5-day course of capsules. The capsules should be taken whole and with a glass of water. They should be taken 12 hours apart. It is important to complete the course as Molnupiravir is most effective when commenced within 5 days of having Covid 19 symptoms and starts working very soon after commencing.

Do not break or crush the capsules as this will release the medicine into your body too quickly.

The capsules can be taken with food or without food.

If you forgot to take a dose and you remember within 10 hours take the missed dose and your next dose as usual. If it is over 10 hours since the last dose, miss the dose and take the next dose at the usual time. Do not take 2 doses together.

What if I am pregnant, planning a pregnancy or breastfeeding?

Do not take Molnupiravir if you are pregnant or breast feeding as there may be significant risks related to the medication that we are not yet aware of.

If there is the possibility of you becoming pregnant and you are on oral contraceptive pills additional contraceptive precautions may be required such as condoms, diaphragm, cap or refrain from sexual activity while taking Molnupiravir and for one full menstrual cycle after completing the Molnupiravir medication.

These tablets have been prescribed for you only. They should not be taken by anyone else even if they have Covid.

The prevention of infection is a major priority in all healthcare and everyone has a part to play.

- Please decontaminate your hands frequently for 20 seconds using soap and water or alcohol gel if available
- If you have symptoms of diarrhoea and/or vomiting, cough or other respiratory symptoms, a temperature or any loss of taste or smell please do not visit the hospital or any other care facility and seek advice from 111
- Keep the environment clean and tidy
- Let's work together to keep infections out of our hospitals and care homes.

Where can I get this medication?

Your prescription will be dispensed by Lloyds Pharmacy at New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton. You should receive a phone call from them about collection or delivery. If you haven't heard from them by 12 midday the following day, please contact CMDU to follow up.

Side effects

All medications can cause side effects.

Anaphylaxis is rare.

Possible side effects of Molnupiravir include:

- Dizziness
- Headaches
- Nausea and vomiting
- Diarrhoea

For more information read the patient information leaflet which can be accessed on the link below. A printed copy will also be provided with your medication.

You can report any side effects directly via the Coronavirus Yellow Card Reporting site <https://coronavirus-yellowcard.mhra.gov.uk> or search for MHRA Yellow card in the Google Play or Apple App store. By reporting side effects, you can help provide more information on the safety of this medication.

Contacts & useful numbers and links

Mobile: 07775752740

Email: rwh-tr.cmdu.wolverhampton@nhs.net

Opening hours: 8am to 4pm Monday to Friday, including bank holidays, excluding Christmas Day

Should you have any concerns about the side effects of the Covid 19 medication contact:

- CMDU if within working hours
- GP

Out of hours:

- call NHS 111

On completion of your medication if you are feeling unwell you can contact your GP or call 111 for advice.

For further information:

[About molnupiravir - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/about-molnupiravir)

<http://www.nhs.uk/medicines/molnupiravir/about-molnupiravir/>

English

If you need information in another way like easy read or a different language please let us know.

If you need an interpreter or assistance please let us know.

Lithuanian

Jeigu norėtumėte, kad informacija jums būtų pateikta kitu būdu, pavyzdžiui, supaprastinta forma ar kita kalba, prašome mums apie tai pranešti.

Jeigu jums reikia vertėjo ar kitos pagalbos, prašome mums apie tai pranešti.

Polish

Jeżeli chcieliby Państwo otrzymać te informacje w innej postaci, na przykład w wersji łatwej do czytania lub w innym języku, prosimy powiedzieć nam o tym.

Prosimy poinformować nas również, jeżeli potrzebowaliby Państwo usługi tłumaczenia ustnego lub innej pomocy.

Punjabi

ਜੇ ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਇਹ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਕਿਸੇ ਹੋਰ ਰੂਪ ਵਿਚ, ਜਿਵੇਂ ਪੜ੍ਹਨ ਵਿਚ ਆਸਾਨ ਰੂਪ ਜਾਂ ਕਿਸੇ ਦੂਜੀ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਵਿਚ, ਚਾਹੀਦੀ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਸਾਨੂੰ ਦੱਸੋ।

ਜੇ ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਦੁਭਾਸ਼ੀਏ ਦੀ ਜਾਂ ਸਹਾਇਤਾ ਦੀ ਲੋੜ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਸਾਨੂੰ ਦੱਸੋ।

Romanian

Dacă aveți nevoie de informații în alt format, ca de exemplu caractere ușor de citit sau altă limbă, vă rugăm să ne informați.

Dacă aveți nevoie de un interpret sau de asistență, vă rugăm să ne informați.

Traditional Chinese

如果您需要以其他方式了解信息，如易读或其他语种，请告诉我们。

如果您需要口译人员或帮助，请告诉我们。