



Nova Scotia Health Pharmacy Departments

COVID-19 Non-Severe Therapy Pharmacist Consult Service

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CONTACT

Please contact the COVID-19 Non-Severe Therapy Pharmacist Consult Service at 1-833-714-2784 if you have questions.

ISSUE

- ☐ Best practice
- ☐ Drug shortage
- ☐ Pack size/packaging change
- ☐ Medication change
- ☐ Recall
- ☐ Medication Advisory
- ☒ Other: Notification of a province-wide Pharmacy Consult Service

RE: COVID-19 Non-Severe Therapy Pharmacist Consult Service

Medications including inhaled budesonide, sotrovimab, and nirmatrelvir/ritonavir (Paxlovid) may be appropriate for patients with early, non-severe COVID-19. Early [testing](#), within 48 hours of mild symptom onset, and [reporting of results](#) is vital to facilitate timely eligibility assessment for [sotrovimab](#) and [nirmatrelvir/ritonavir](#) (Paxlovid). [Click here to learn more about COVID-19 early detection](#).

While these medications are in short supply, only designated prescribers are responsible for sotrovimab and nirmatrelvir/ritonavir (Paxlovid) prescribing for eligible individuals with non-severe COVID-19. Pharmacists collaborate with these designated prescribers to assess for eligibility, identify contraindications and drug-interactions, and to provide patient education.

The COVID-19 Non-Severe Therapy Pharmacist Consult Service was created to enable timely initiation and access to sotrovimab and nirmatrelvir/ritonavir (Paxlovid) across Nova Scotia. The service is provided by NS Health pharmacists that work with the sotrovimab and nirmatrelvir/ritonavir (Paxlovid) designated prescribers.

Healthcare professionals identifying patients who meet the [eligibility criteria](#) are encouraged to email COVIDTreatment@nshealth.ca. Practitioners with patients prescribed sotrovimab or nirmatrelvir/ritonavir (Paxlovid) are encouraged to call **1-833-714-2784 between 9 am and 5 pm, 7 days a week** to ask medication or drug interaction questions. Please note this line is intended for health professionals and should not be shared with patients.