

Antiviral Treatment Eligibility

If you test positive for COVID19, you may be eligible for antiviral treatment.

You must meet the criteria below.

Senior Australians and First Nations people

If you test positive for COVID-19, you may be eligible for antiviral treatments if you are:

- 70 years of age or older, regardless of risk factors and with or without symptoms.
- 60-69 years of age or older with 1 additional risk factor for developing severe disease.
- 50 years of age or older with 2 additional risk factors for developing severe disease or have had past COVID 19 infection resulting in hospitalisation.
- First Nations people, 30 years of age or older and with 1 additional risk factor for developing severe disease or have had past COVID-19 infection resulting in hospitalisation.

Risk factors include:

- living in residential aged care
- living with disability with multiple conditions and/or frailty (but not limited to living in supported accommodation)
- neurological conditions like stroke or dementia and demyelinating conditions e.g. multiple sclerosis, Guillain-Barre Syndrome
- chronic respiratory conditions including COPD, moderate or severe asthma
- obesity or diabetes (type I or II requiring medication)
- heart failure, coronary artery disease, cardiomyopathies
- kidney failure or cirrhosis
- living remotely with reduced access to higher level healthcare
- past COVID-19 infection episode resulting in hospitalisation.

People aged 18 years or older

If you test positive for COVID-19 and are moderately to severely immunocompromised, you may be eligible for antiviral treatments.

Conditions include:

- blood cancer or some red blood cell disorders (thalassemia, sickle cell disease)
- transplant recipient
- primary or acquired (HIV) immunodeficiency
- chemotherapy or whole-body radiotherapy in the last 3 months
- high dose corticosteroids or pulse corticosteroid therapy in the last 3 months
- immunosuppressive treatments in the last 3 months
- anti-CD20 monoclonal antibody treatment in the last 12 months
- cerebral palsy or Down Syndrome
- congenital heart disease