Attention: Alameda County Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs)

Do you have COVID-19 positive residents?

How do you access COVID treatment in time?

There is currently an ample supply of effective COVID treatments available to certain high-risk resident who tests positive and has symptoms in Alameda County.

Time is short, these medications are most effective when taken within 5 days of a positive COVID test and symptom onset/change in condition. SNFs can take the steps below to quickly access the medication for their residents in time.

1. Communicate to your medical director, residents, and families about COVID treatment options and availability.

   Treatment educational flyers, including multiple language translations:

2. Connect the positive residents and their families to their physicians to discuss the treatment options including available oral COVID medications. Get consent forms signed (pharmacy will provide consents).

3. Monitor (Symptoms of COVID-19 | CDC), worsening symptoms or subtle changes in behavior/appearance, assess the resident and then contact the resident’s attending physician immediately for a possible order for COVID oral antiviral medication.

4. If Ordered:

   a. Call your contracted pharmacy, or the pharmacy where you order your residents medications, and ask if they have COVID oral antiviral medications in stock.

   b. Look here to find a pharmacy with the COVID medication that is closest to you
      Treatment Locator: https://covid-19-therapeutics-locator-dhhs.hub.arcgis.com/

   c. For staff members who test positive and have mild symptoms, direct them to the COVID Test to Treat sites for quick access to COVID treatment.
      https://covid-19-test-to-treat-locator-dhhs.hub.arcgis.com

5. If the patient’s attending physician determines that the oral antivirals are not appropriate, assist in determining how to access alternative therapies such as monoclonal antibody therapy.

Need Help? Please contact the ACPHD COVID Treatments Access Support Team

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