



# COVID-19 oral treatments for people without a Medicare card

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Effective treatments for COVID-19 are available for people in [high-risk groups](#).

## How to access COVID-19 oral treatments

If you have tested positive for COVID-19 and have high risk factors but **do not** have a Medicare card, **contact your doctor** or a **General Practice Respiratory Clinic** for advice about treatment options.

These clinics offer services to people with or without a Medicare card for free. [Find a General Practice Respiratory Clinic](#)

### People without a Medicare card may include those who:

- are not an Australian permanent resident
- are not entitled to hold a valid Medicare card
- are temporary entrants or temporary visa holders
- are from a country without a reciprocal health care arrangement with Australia.

A visitor in Australia from overseas or an international student are examples of people who may not have a Medicare card.

## Cost of COVID-19 treatments

If you don't have a Medicare card, the cost for treatment will vary depending on your circumstances.

Please talk to your doctor or the General Practice Respiratory Clinic about payment options.

People who are not permanent residents but have private health insurance or travel insurance should refer to their insurance policy in relation to COVID-19 treatment costs in Australia.

Importantly, do not delay seeking treatment for COVID-19 if you have high risk factors. Contact the **National Coronavirus Helpline** on **1800 020 080 (for free interpreting services, press 8)**.

[Translated resources](#) on COVID-19 oral treatments are available in more than 60 languages on the Department of Health and Aged Care website.