

Why you should not use Ivermectin to treat or prevent COVID-19

The NDDoH provides this as a resource to understand authorized treatments for COVID-19.

What is Ivermectin?

Ivermectin is a medication available for both animals and humans. However, Ivermectin preparation for animals is very different from those approved for humans. Humans should not consume medication for animals. Some forms of Ivermectin are used in animals to prevent heartworm disease and certain internal and external parasites. It's important to note that these products are different from the ones for people and safe when used as prescribed for animals, only.

Ivermectin tablets are approved by the FDA to treat people with intestinal strongyloidiasis and onchocerciasis, two conditions caused by parasitic worms. In addition, some topical (on the skin) forms of Ivermectin are approved to treat external parasites like head lice and for skin conditions such as rosacea. Ivermectin is not an anti-viral (a drug for treating viruses).

If you have a prescription for Ivermectin for an FDA-approved use, get it from a legitimate source, and take it exactly as prescribed. a lot of misinformation around, and you may have heard that it's okay to take large doses of Ivermectin. That is not correct. Taking large doses of this drug is dangerous and can cause serious harm. There's

Do Ivermectin tablets treat or prevent COVID-19?

There has been information on social media platforms promoting the use of Ivermectin to treat humans who contract COVID-19. Ivermectin does not treat or prevent COVID-19. Ivermectin is not a drug that treats viruses. Using any treatment for COVID-19 that is not approved or authorized by the FDA, unless part of a clinical trial, can cause serious harm.

Is Ivermectin authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)?

Yes, Ivermectin is authorized by the FDA. But Ivermectin is not authorized by the FDA to treat or prevent COVID-19. The FDA has not reviewed data to support that Ivermectin could treat or

prevent COVID-19. Ivermectin is not an ant-viral (a drug for treating viruses). It is approved by the FDA for conditions caused by parasitic worms and tropical skin forms.

What is the difference between Ivermectin for animals and humans?

Ivermectin for animals and humans is very different. Humans should not take Ivermectin formulated for animals. Animal drugs are highly concentrated because they are used for large animals like horses and cows, who weigh a lot more than humans. Such high doses can be highly toxic for humans. The FDA has received multiple reports of patients who have required medical support and been hospitalized after self-medicating with Ivermectin intended for horses.

What treatments are authorized for COVID-19

COVID-19 [monoclonal antibody therapeutics](#) (mAb) can be used to treat eligible non-hospitalized patients who have tested positive for COVID-19 and have mild to moderate symptoms. These treatments mimic your immune system's response to SARS-CoV-2 (the infection that causes COVID-19) and are available to eligible patients 12 years and older with a high risk of progressing to severe forms of COVID-19 or being hospitalized.

mAb treatment may help people who:

- Have a positive COVID-19 test, and had symptoms for 10 days or less
- Are at high risk of getting more serious symptoms. Visit the page [How Do I Know If I'm High Risk, and What Do I Do Next?](#) to learn more.

This free therapeutic has been granted [Emergency Use Authorization](#) from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to treat eligible COVID-19 patients.

If you test positive for COVID-19, ask your physician about authorized treatment options. It is important to seek treatment within the first 10 days of your infection.

Learn more at [Health.nd.gov/covidtreatment](https://health.nd.gov/covidtreatment)

Resources:

[Available COVID-19 Treatment Options | combatCOVID.hhs.gov](#)

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