

Fact Sheet

COVID-19 Treatment: Molnupiravir (Lagevrio[®])

Patient Information

This information sheet does not constitute medical advice and is for general information only. Readers should always seek independent professional advice where appropriate

How does Molnupiravir (Lagevrio[®]) work?

Molnupiravir (Lagevrio[®]) is an antiviral medicine that stops the COVID-19 virus from multiplying in your body. This reduces the risk of your infection getting worse. It may also help you feel better and stay out of hospital.

Molnupiravir (Lagevrio[®]) does not prevent you from giving COVID-19 to others.

How to take Molnupiravir (Lagevrio[®])

Each capsule contains 200mg of molnupiravir.

Swallow whole 4 capsules (total of 800mg) every 12 hours (twice a day, i.e. 4 capsules at 8 am and 8 pm) for a total of 5 days.

The capsules can be taken with or without food. If you have trouble swallowing tablets or capsules whole, speak to your pharmacist.

This treatment should be taken until the full course is finished, even if you start to feel better before the 5 days has ended.



What if I forget to take Molnupiravir (Lagevrio[®])?

It is important that you do not miss or skip doses. Lagevrio[®] should be taken regularly at the same times each day.

If you forget to take a dose of Lagevrio[®], take it as soon as you remember. If more than 10 hours have passed, then do not take the missed dose and just carry on as before. Do **not** take a double dose to make up for a missed dose.

What are some common side effects of Molnupiravir (Lagevrio[®])?

All medicines can have side effects. If they occur, side effects are usually minor and temporary. As Lagevrio[®] is a new medicine, unknown side effects are possible.

Some common side effects include nausea, diarrhoea, and dizziness. These are expected to go away after the course finishes.

Some side effects may need urgent medical attention. More serious side effects include swelling of the face or lips, and difficulty breathing. It is important that you call an ambulance and tell your doctor immediately if you experience these symptoms.

Speak to your regular doctor if you experience any side effects that worry you, or that are not listed here.

It is important that you also continue to monitor your COVID-19 symptoms closely. Speak to your doctor if your COVID-19 symptoms change or worsen.



How to store Molnupiravir (Lagevrio®)?

Lagevrio® should be stored in its original bottle and kept below 30 °C.

Lagevrio® can be re-packed into a dose administration aid (for example, a Webster-pak®). Speak to your pharmacist for more information about this option.

Who should not take Molnupiravir (Lagevrio®)?

People who are allergic to molnupiravir or any other component of the medicine should not take Lagevrio®.

Lagevrio® is not recommended for people that are less than 18 years old.

Breastfeeding is not recommended during and for 4 days after the last dose of Lagevrio®.

Lagevrio® is not recommended during any stage of pregnancy. It is important that you tell your health care practitioner if you could be pregnant. You may be asked to perform a pregnancy test. If you have the possibility of becoming pregnant, you should use effective birth control during and for 4 days after stopping Lagevrio®.

If you are sexually active with a partner who could become pregnant, then you should use a reliable method of contraception (i.e., barrier protection) during and for 3 months after the Lagevrio® finishes. Your doctor or pharmacist can give you more information.

Can I Receive a COVID-19 Vaccine?

You should not get a COVID-19 vaccine until 6 months after your COVID-19 illness.

What If I Need to Come to Hospital?

It is important that you bring your Lagevrio® with you. This is so you can finish the 5-day course if you need to stay in hospital.

For more information

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