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To: Health Care Providers and Health Care Facilities
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**TEST SOON AND TREAT EARLY
TO IMPROVE OUTCOMES FROM COVID-19**

Summary:

- Don't delay. Test soon and treat early to improve outcomes from COVID-19.
- [COVID-19 treatment options](#) are available and there are no current shortages.

As we continue to combat COVID-19 infections throughout the state, we want to remind you that there are treatment options available. Each of these treatments have proven to be effective against COVID-19 and are available throughout New York State. Treatments can be organized into three categories which are outline below.

- **Pre-exposure Prophylaxis.** To be given to those who are immunocompromised or otherwise unable to get the COVID-19 vaccine prior to being diagnosed. Product: [Evusheld](#).
- **Monoclonal Antibody Treatment.** Provided via IV soon after diagnosis (within 7 days of symptom onset). Currently authorized products include: [sotrovimab](#) & [bebtelovimab](#) (**ONLY** if none of the preferred therapies are available, feasible to deliver, or clinically appropriate)
- **Antivirals.** Administered soon after diagnosis either via IV (within 7 days of symptom onset) or orally (within 5 days of symptom onset). Products include: [remdesivir](#) (IV), [Paxlovid](#) (oral) & [molnupiravir](#) (oral).

Since treatment options are now widely available and there are no current shortages in supply if a person tests positive for SARS-CoV-2 we encourage you to evaluate all treatment options as early as possible. Availability of these medications (all except remdesivir) can be found using the [COVID-19 Therapeutics Locator](#).

Starting the week of March 7th, we anticipate new sites will open in New York State through President Biden's Test to Treat program. These Test to Treat sites will provide increased availability of immediate testing and early treatment and will also be displayed on the [COVID-19 Therapeutics Locator](#).

Additional questions about COVID-19 treatment options or availability can be sent to COVID19Therapeutics@health.ny.gov.