

Covid-19 Treatments for People with Cancer

Dear Patient,

People with cancer may have serious complications and side effects from COVID-19. COVID-19 treatments are currently available in B.C. and may benefit some people who have recently tested positive for COVID-19.

If you have cold or flu symptoms, test for COVID-19 as soon as possible.

If you test positive for COVID-19, you may benefit from COVID-19 treatments. Some COVID-19 treatments can be taken at home and others require a visit to a clinic or hospital. These treatments work best if they are taken within 5-7 days of symptoms starting.

COVID-19 treatments may interact with some cancer medications. It is necessary to tell your doctor, pharmacist, or other healthcare providers of any and all drugs and supplements you are taking.

Accessing treatment options:

You may complete a self-assessment at the government of BC website to find out if you might benefit from treatment or further testing, <https://covidtreatments.gov.bc.ca/>, or call the Service BC phone line: [1-888-COVID-19](tel:1-888-COVID-19) (1-888-268-4319).

OR

- Contact your family doctor or nurse practitioner
- If you do not have a family doctor or nurse practitioner, contact your local BC Cancer care team :

BC Cancer – Abbotsford:	604-851-4710
BC Cancer – Kelowna:	250-712-3900
BC Cancer – Prince George:	250-645-7300
BC Cancer – Surrey:	604-930-2098
BC Cancer – Vancouver:	604-877-6000
BC Cancer – Victoria:	250-519-5500

At your next cancer care appointment, you may discuss COVID-19 treatment options and considerations with your health care team.

Vaccines remain the best way of protecting yourself against COVID-19.

You can find more information about treatment options online:

- <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/vaccine/treatments>
- www.bccancer.bc.ca/health-info/covid-19-and-cancer-information-for-patients

Thank you,
Your BC Cancer care team