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COVID-19 in 2024: Recommendations and Strategies for Those with CLL and SLL

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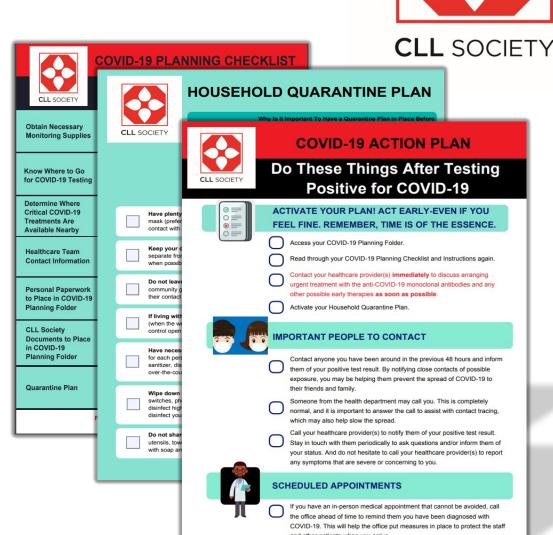
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CLL Society's COVID-19 Action Plan

- Encourages individuals to create a plan ahead of time to be prepared for when they test positive.
- Includes:
 - > Planning Checklist
 - > Household Quarantine Plan
 - Checklist for what to do as soon as you test positive

Visit: https://www.cllsociety.org/covid-19-home/action-plan/







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Prevention of COVID-19 in CLL

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Learning Objectives



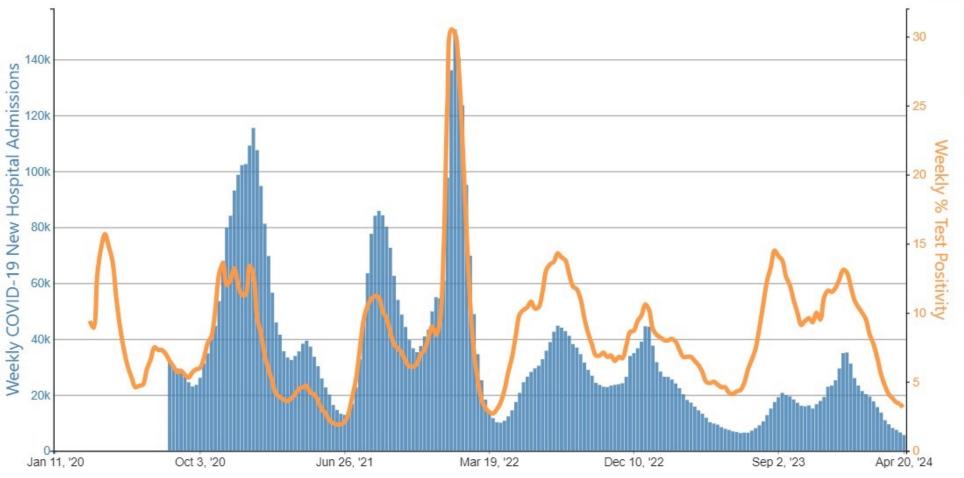
Current State

Strategies for prevention

Management of acute infection







Who is at Risk for Severe COVID-19

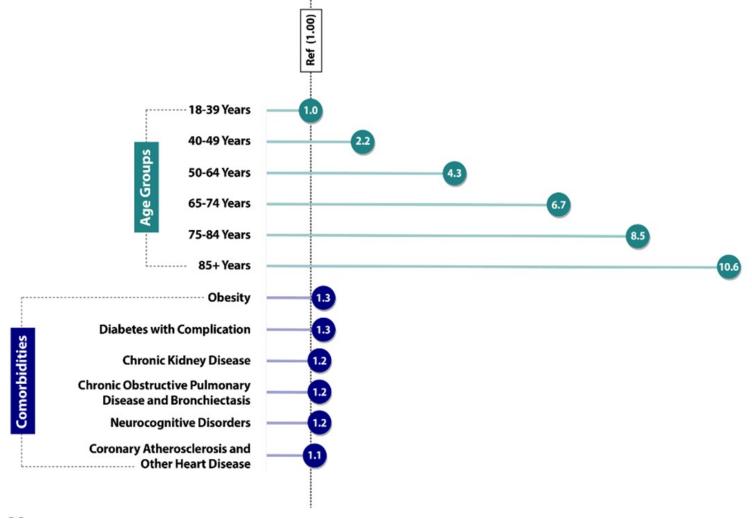
Established, probable, and possible risk factors (comorbidities that have been associated with severe COVID-19 in at least 1 meta-analysis or systematic review, in observational studies, or in case series):

- Age ≥65 years¹
- Asthma
- Cancer
- Cerebrovascular disease
- Children with certain underlying conditions[△]
- Chronic kidney disease
- Chronic lung disease (interstitial lung disease, pulmonary embolism, pulmonary hypertension, bronchiectasis, COPD)
- Chronic liver disease (cirrhosis, non-alcoholic fatty liver disease, alcoholic liver disease, autoimmune hepatitis)
- Cystic fibrosis
- Diabetes mellitus, type 1 and type 2
- Disabilities (eg, ADHD, cerebral palsy, congenital malformations, limitations with self-care or activities of daily living, intellectual and developmental disabilities, learning disabilities, spinal cord injuries)
- Heart conditions (such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies)
- HIV
- Mental health disorders (mood disorders including depression, schizophrenia spectrum disorders)
- Neurologic conditions (dementia)
- Obesity (BMI ≥30 kg/m²) and overweight (BMI 25 to 29 kg/m²), or ≥95th percentile in children
- Physical inactivity
- Pregnancy or recent pregnancy
- Primary immunodeficiencies
- Smoking (current and former)
- Sickle cell disease or thalassemia
- · Solid organ or blood stem cell transplantation
- Substance use disorders
- Tuberculosis
- Use of corticosteroids or other immunosuppressive medications



Who is at Risk for Severe COVID-19





https://stacks.cdc.gov/view/cdc/116835/cdc_116835_DS1, https://www.cdc.gov/aging/covid19/index.html.

Role of Masking



Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews



Physical interventions to interrupt or reduce the spread of respiratory viruses (Review)

Jefferson T, Dooley L, Ferroni E, Al-Ansary LA, van Driel ML, Bawazeer GA, Jones MA, Hoffmann TC, Clark J, Beller EM, Glasziou PP, Conly JM

"wearing a mask may make little to no difference in how many people caught a flu-like illness/COVID-like illness"

"wearing N95/P2 respirators probably makes little to no difference in how many people have confirmed flu"

While masking may not lower the burden of the disease in the community, it can protect the individual behind the mask.

Jefferson et al. Cochrane Database Syst Rev 2023;1:CD006207.

Impact of COVID-19 Vaccination



TABLE 4

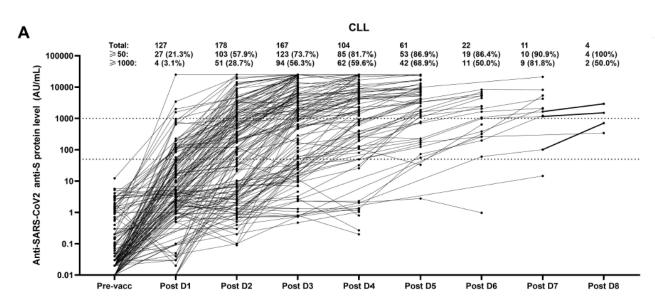
Hospitalization and Death Rates With the Omicron Variant by Age and Vaccination Status in the State of Washington

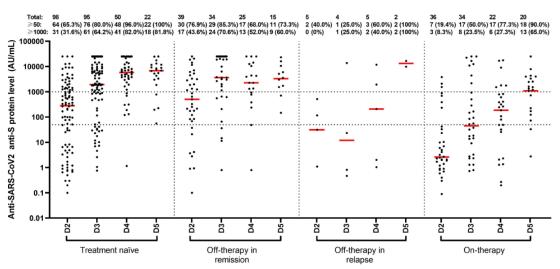
	Unvaccinated		Completed primary series or boosted			
Age group (years)	Hospitalizations per 100,000	Deaths per 100,000	Hospitalizations per 100,000	Deaths per 100,000		
12 to 34	13.2	Not reported	3.2	Not reported		
35 to 64	42.2	4.5	7.7	0.8		
65 and older	233.3	76.2	89.9	26.8		

Information from Washington State Department of Health. COVID-19 hospitalizations and deaths by vaccination status in Washington state. February 13, 2023. Accessed March 6, 2023. https://doh.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2022-02/421-010-CasesInNotFullyVaccinated.pdf

COVID-19 Vaccination in CLL







Pre Exposure Prophylaxis



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- Human monoclonal antibody against COVID-19
- EUA as of March 2024

Data

- Based on immunobridging studies
- No published peer reviewed studies

Considerations

- Maintains presumed effectiveness against currently circulating variants
- IV infusion

Outpatient Medications



TABLE I. COVID-19 treatments for nonhospitalized adults

	IV antiviral	Oral a	Blood product	
	Veklury (remdesivir)	Paxlovid (nirmatrelvir co-packaged with ritonavir)	Lagevrio (molnupiravir)	High-titer COVID-19 convalescent plasma
NIH recommendations*	Moderate recommendation; moderate quality of evidence (BIIa)	Strong recommendation; moderate quality of evidence (AIIa)	Weak recommendation; moderate quality of evidence (CIIa)	Insufficient evidence to recommend for or against use in hospitalized or nonhospitalized patients
Mechanism of action	Nucleotide analog RNA polymerase inhibitor that halts viral replication	Viral protease inhibitor that halts viral replication	Nucleoside analog that inhibits viral replication by viral mutagenesis	Possible mechanisms of actions include direct neutralization of the virus, control of an overactive immune system (ie, cytokine storm, Th1/Th17 ratio, complement activation) and immunomodulation of a hypercoagulable state
Treatment efficacy per clinical trials	87% reduction in hospitalizations/ deaths	89% reduction in hospitalizations/ deaths	30% reduction in hospitalizations/deaths	Authorization is based on the totality of clinical evidence available in patients with immunosuppressive disease or receiving immunosuppressive treatment and remains limited, data from additional randomized, controlled trials are needed
Prescribing window	Initiate within 7 d of symptom onset	Initiate within 5 d of symptom onset		Not specified

Mustafa et al. JACI IP 2023; 11(11): 3321.

Nirmatrelvir/ritonavir (Paxlovid™)



	Nirmatrelvir	relvir/ritonavir P		Placebo		Risk Ratio	Risk Ratio	Risk of Bias	
Study or Subgroup	Events	Total	Events	Total	Weight	M-H, Random, 95% CI	M-H, Random, 95% CI	ABCDEF	
1.3.2 age < 65 years of a	age								
EPIC-HR 2021 (1)	7	908	46	909	86.4%	0.15 [0.07, 0.34]	-	8 2 8 8 9 2	
Subtotal (95% CI)		908		909	86.4%	0.15 [0.07, 0.34]	<u> </u>		
Total events:	7		46				~		
Heterogeneity: Not appli	icable								
Test for overall effect: Z	= 4.67 (P < 0.00	0001)							
1.3.3 age ≥ 65 years of a	age								
EPIC-HR 2021 (1)	1	131	20	137	13.6%	0.05 [0.01, 0.38]		8 2 8 8 9 2	
Subtotal (95% CI)		131		137	13.6%	0.05 [0.01, 0.38]			
Total events:	1		20						
Heterogeneity: Not appli	icable								
Test for overall effect: Z		04)							

Paxlovid[™] Tolerability

Adverse Event Category	Standard treatment plus Paxlovid group (N = 132)	Standard treatment group (N = 132)	P value
Total number of adverse events ^a - no. of patients (%)	17 (12.90)	13 (9.80)	0.44
Patients with adverse events ^a - no. of patients (%)			
Any adverse event	14 (10.6)	10 (7.6)	0.39
Serious adverse event	6 (4.5)	5 (3.8)	0.76
Event considered to be related to drug interventions	5 (3.8)	2 (1.5)	0.25
Discontinued drug interventions because of adverse events	4 (3.0)	0 (0)	0.04
Had dose reduction or temporary discontinuation owing to adverse event	1 (0.8)	1 (0.8)	>0.99
^a Adverse events were defined as newly developed adverse events or progression of prior		2 (0.0)	-0.33

Study or Subgroup	Nirmatrelvir/ Events	ritonavir Total	Place Events	ebo Total	Weight	Risk Ratio M-H, Random, 95% CI	Risk Ratio M-H, Random, 95% CI	Risk of Bias A B C D E F
EPIC-HR 2021 (1)	18	1109	74	1115	100.0%	0.24 [0.15 , 0.41]	-	● ? ● ● ?
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Outpatient Systemic Steroids



Table 2. Outcomes.*							
Outcome	No. of Included Reports	No. of Glucocorticoid Patients	No. of Control Patients	Odds Ratio	95% CI	P Value for Effect	i² (%)
Overall population	6	3704	2930				
Mortality†	6	509/3704 (14%)	294/2930 (10%)	1.56‡	1.27-1.92‡	<0.001‡	20
RCTs only	5	90/580 (16%)	145/1130 (13%)	1.34§	1.00-1.78§	0.05∫	0
Mechanical ventilation¶	4	98/550 (18%)	160/1088 (15%)	1.32	1.00-1.74	0.05	0

Number needed to harm = 27

Medications NOT to Use

TABLE III. COVID-19 treatments not currently recommended for use

Strong recommendations against

Hydroxychloroquine

Lopinavir-ritonavir

Casirivimab and imdevimab*

Sotrovimab*

Convalescent plasma in immune-competent patients in nonsevere cases

Colchicine in nonsevere cases

Weak or conditional recommendations against

Ivermectin (except in a research setting)

Corticosteroids in nonsevere cases

Fluvoxamine in nonsevere cases (except in a research setting)

Ruxolitinib and tofacitinib (should be considered only if neither baricitinib nor IL-6 receptor blockers are available)

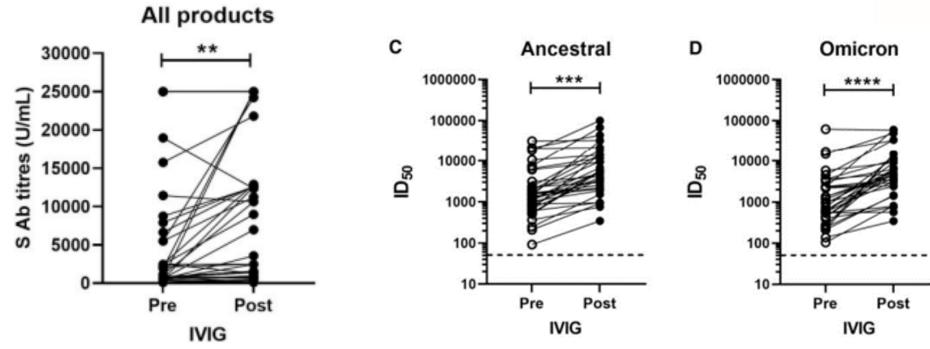
Convalescent plasma in severe or critical cases (except in a research setting)

Remdesivir in critical cases



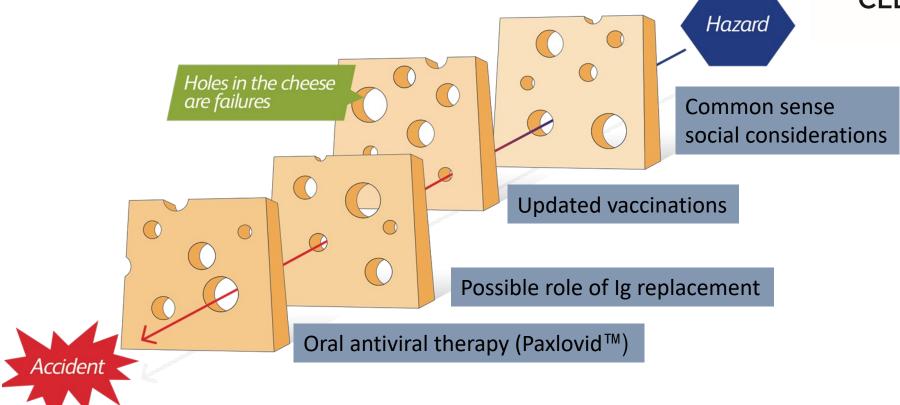
Ig Replacement





COVID-19 Risk Mitigation





Summary



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COVID continues to impact high risk individuals

Vaccination remains cornerstone of risk mitigation

Oral antivirals (Paxlovid™) is the cornerstone of outpatient management



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