**Template letter regarding Paxlovid treatment**

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| This message was developed by the OMA for distribution to patients eligible for treatment with Paxlovid. It can be adapted by your practice and distributed to patients. You may choose to also include the resource developed by Ontario Health, [Antiviral treatment (Paxlovid) is available for higher-risk individuals with COVID-19](https://www.ontariohealth.ca/sites/ontariohealth/files/2022-04/Paxlovid-PatientFactSheet.pdf). |

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*Insert letterhead for your practice*

Dear Patients,

Paxlovid is an antiviral treatment for COVID-19 that is now available in Ontairo. Paxlovid is not for everyone – it is only for patients that have a higher risk of going to the hospital if they become sick with COVID-19. My records show that you may be eligible for Paxlovid.

**It is important that you contact my office as soon as possible if you have any COVID-19 symptoms.** **This is because Paxlovid must be started within five days of your symptoms starting.** You can also contact my office even if you do not have symptoms, so that we are prepared in case you get sick.

Paxlovid interacts with many drugs, so it is important I know all the medications you are taking. It may be helpful to write a list of all the medications you are taking, including any non-prescription drugs, herbal products or supplements so that this is ready if we need it.

Paxlovid is free for all Ontarians.

If you have any questions or concerns about Paxlovid, I am here to help and would be happy to discuss this with you. Please call the office to book an appointment. You can also refer to [this fact sheet](https://www.ontariohealth.ca/sites/ontariohealth/files/2022-04/Paxlovid-PatientFactSheet.pdf) developed by Ontario Health.

Sincerely,

*Insert physician name*