



APhA analysis shows significant equity gaps for COVID-19 Test to Treat sites — Pharmacists are poised to help if permitted

Oral COVID-19 antivirals can prevent hospitalizations if high risk patients access them quickly after testing positive, yet there are only **2,313 Test to Treat locations nationwide** for oral antivirals compared to over 72,000 community pharmacies.



The problem: The medically underserved continue to lack access to important COVID-19 therapies.

Only 30% of Test to Treat locations nationwide are located in underserved communities—that's only 700 locations out of an estimated 28,000 community pharmacies that serve these same areas.

The problem: Communities with high social vulnerability may experience higher COVID-19 test positivity and risk of hospitalization.

America's most vulnerable communities only have access to 513 Test to Treat locations nationwide out of an estimated 24,000 community pharmacies that serve these communities.

The problem: Patients in communities of need cannot get prescriptions for oral COVID-19 antivirals.

Per government officials, these medications are being underutilized.



The solution: If barriers are removed to allow pharmacists to prescribe oral COVID-19 antivirals, community pharmacies in these underserved and vulnerable areas could be engaged to expand access to treatment for those who need them most.

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