

Why You Should Not Take Ivermectin to Prevent or Treat COVID-19

Ivermectin (Stromectol®)

Ivermectin is a prescription medicine that treats infections caused by certain parasites in humans and animals.

Ivermectin Isn't Approved to Prevent or Treat COVID-19

- The U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) has **not** approved ivermectin to prevent or treat COVID-19.
- Merck, developer and one of the makers of ivermectin, said:
 - there is **no** scientific evidence that supports taking ivermectin for COVID-19
 - there is **no** meaningful evidence that ivermectin works in people who have COVID-19
 - there is a lack of safety data in most of the studies done so far.

You should not take any medicine to prevent or treat COVID-19 unless your health care provider prescribes it and you get it filled at your regular pharmacy.

More Studies are Needed

The FDA supports clinical trials to approve new treatments that are safe as quickly as possible. More testing of ivermectin is needed.



Prescriptions for ivermectin will not be filled at any Allina Health pharmacy at this time.

Using Ivermectin for COVID-19 Can Lead to Harm

Taking high doses of ivermectin or taking the animal version can cause serious harm such as:

- nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or stomach pain
- swelling of the face, arms or legs
- dizziness, seizures or confusion
- skin rash (including a severe rash that could lead to a hospital stay)
- liver injury (hepatitis).

Allina Health Doesn't Endorse Ivermectin

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Talk with your health care provider if you have questions.