



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

**This is an official  
MS Health Alert Network (HAN) Alert**

**MESSAGE ID:** MSHAN-20200602-00450-ALT (Health Alert)

**RECIPIENTS:** All Physicians, Hospitals, ERs, ICPs, NPs, and  
Healthcare Providers - Statewide

Tuesday, June 2, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Remdesivir Available to Mississippi Hospitals by  
Request from the Mississippi Public Health  
Pharmacy for Treatment in Targeted Patients

Dear Colleagues,

The Mississippi State Department of Health Public Health Pharmacy has received limited doses of the medication Remdesivir for distribution and utilization in certain hospitalized patients with confirmed or suspected COVID-19.

Under an FDA Emergency Use Authorization (EUA), Remdesivir is recommended for use in adults and children hospitalized with severe disease. Severe disease is defined as patients with an oxygen saturation (SpO<sub>2</sub>) ≤ 94% on room air or requiring supplemental oxygen or requiring mechanical ventilation or requiring extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO).

MSDH is making this medication available to hospitals for use in patients meeting the above criteria. Ideally, hospitals will determine their needs in advance based on prior admissions that meet these criteria in order to have this medication on hand when the patient is admitted or deemed a candidate for Remdesivir. Hospitals may also request Remdesivir from the Public Health Pharmacy on an as needed basis for individual patients, with expected shipment to the hospital within 48 hours of request.

**Requesting Remdesivir for your Hospital**

- The request should be coordinated between your hospital pharmacy and the MSDH Public Health Pharmacy. A point-of-contact for your hospitals will need to be provided to [meg.pearson@msdh.ms.gov](mailto:meg.pearson@msdh.ms.gov) and [lindsay.patrick@msdh.ms.gov](mailto:lindsay.patrick@msdh.ms.gov)
- Requests should include the quantity of 100-mg vials and number of 5-day and number of 10-day treatment courses anticipated to be administered at your facility.
- The doses distributed to requesting hospitals will be subject to the availability of the product at the time of request.
- Hospital pharmacies will need to
  - Segregate storage and develop inventory accountability record
  - Ensure patient selection criteria for treatment is being followed

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- Determine integration of treatment orders into hospital electronic medical record (EMR)

**Hospitals must also agree to the following:**

- Submit a written protocol for your facility to MSDH with criteria for when and how this medication is to be utilized in compliance with the EUA.
- Comply with all requirements identified within the FDA EUA (attached) to include reporting of adverse events as outlined in the document.
- A commitment to use the medication for appropriate patients regardless of age, sex, race, ethnicity or disability.
- Patients may not be charged for the Remdesivir
- Submission of data to MSDH in the future.

Please call the MSDH Public Health Pharmacy with questions at 601-713-3457.

**Resources:**

Remdesivir EUA Letter of Authorization <https://www.fda.gov/media/137566/download>

Remdesivir Pharmacy Guide with dosing information

[https://www.remdesivir.com/us/downloads/remdesivir\\_pharmacy\\_guide.pdf](https://www.remdesivir.com/us/downloads/remdesivir_pharmacy_guide.pdf)

Remdesivir Fact Sheet for Health Care Providers <https://www.fda.gov/media/137566/download>

Remdesivir Fact Sheet for Patient and Parent/Caregivers

<https://www.fda.gov/media/137565/download>;

Remdesivir Fact Sheet for Patient and Parent/Caregivers (Spanish language)

[https://www.gilead.com/-/media/files/pdfs/remdesivir/eua-fact-sheet-for-patients-and-](https://www.gilead.com/-/media/files/pdfs/remdesivir/eua-fact-sheet-for-patients-and-caregivers_spanish-language_12may2020.pdf?la=en&hash=D7B0CB181773DE3AFB8518FAEFFA0E8E)

[caregivers\\_spanish-](https://www.gilead.com/-/media/files/pdfs/remdesivir/eua-fact-sheet-for-patients-and-caregivers_spanish-language_12may2020.pdf?la=en&hash=D7B0CB181773DE3AFB8518FAEFFA0E8E)

[language\\_12may2020.pdf?la=en&hash=D7B0CB181773DE3AFB8518FAEFFA0E8E](https://www.gilead.com/-/media/files/pdfs/remdesivir/eua-fact-sheet-for-patients-and-caregivers_spanish-language_12may2020.pdf?la=en&hash=D7B0CB181773DE3AFB8518FAEFFA0E8E)

Regards,

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State Epidemiologist



**Alerting Message Specification Settings**

**Originating Agency:** Mississippi State Department of Health  
**Alerting Program:** MS Health Alert Network (MS HAN)  
**Message Identifier:** MSHAN-20200602-00450-ALT  
**Program (HAN) Type:** Health Alert  
**Status (Type):** Actual ()  
**Message Type:** Alert  
**Reference:** MSHAN-00450  
**Severity:** Unknown  
**Acknowledgement:** No  
**Sensitive:** Not Sensitive  
**Message Expiration:** Undetermined  
**Urgency:** Undetermined  
**Delivery Time:** 600 minutes

**Definition of Alerting Vocabulary and Message Specification Settings**

**Originating Agency:** A unique identifier for the agency originating the alert.

**Alerting Program:** The program sending the alert or engaging in alerts and communications using PHIN Communication and Alerting (PCA) as a vehicle for their delivery.

**Message Identifier:** A unique alert identifier that is generated upon alert activation (MSHAN-yyymmdd-hhmm-TTT (**ALT=Health Alert**, **ADV=Health Advisory**, **UPD=Health Update**, **MSG/INFO=Message/Info Service**)).

**Program (HAN) Type:** Categories of Health Alert Messages.

**Health Alert:** Conveys the highest level of importance; warrants immediate action or attention.

**Health Advisory:** Provides important information for a specific incident or situation; may not require immediate action.

**Health Update:** Provides updated information regarding an incident or situation; unlikely to require immediate action.

**Health Info Service:** Provides Message / Notification of general public health information; unlikely to require immediate action.

**Status (Type):**

Actual: Communication or alert refers to a live event

Exercise: Designated recipients must respond to the communication or alert

Test: Communication or alert is related to a technical, system test and should be disregarded



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**Message Type:**

- Alert: Indicates an original Alert
- Update: Indicates prior alert has been Updated and/or superseded
- Cancel: Indicates prior alert has been cancelled
- Error: Indicates prior alert has been retracted

**Reference:** For a communication or alert with a Message Type of “Update” or “Cancel”, this attribute contains the unique Message Identifier of the original communication or alert being updated or cancelled. “n/a” = Not Applicable.

**Severity:**

- Extreme: Extraordinary threat to life or property
- Severe: Significant threat to life or property
- Moderate: Possible threat to life or property
- Minor: Minimal threat to life or property
- Unknown: Unknown threat to life or property

**Acknowledgement:** Indicates whether an acknowledgement on the part of the recipient is required to confirm that the alert was received, and the timeframe in which a response is required (Yes or No).

**Sensitive:**

- Sensitive: Indicates the alert contains sensitive content
- Not Sensitive: Indicates non-sensitive content

**Message Expiration:** Undetermined.

**Urgency:** Undetermined. Responsive action should be taken immediately.

**Delivery Time:** Indicates the timeframe for delivery of the alert (15, 60, 1440, 4320 minutes (.25, 1, 24, 72 hours)).