

MOLNUPIRAVIR

Antiviral, COVID-19

Availability ¹	Brand name	Quick guide
Capsule, 200 mg	Lagevrio	 

Effect of food Food does not significantly affect absorption. Can be given without regard to food.¹

Warnings **Hazard.**¹ **Do not open the capsule if you are pregnant.**¹ Contact a pharmacist or a medicines information service for advice.

Absorption Pharmacokinetic data from 5 patients suggest adequate absorption when given by nasogastric or orogastric tube.²

What to do for people with enteral feeding tubes

Option 1 Has been given by nasogastric or orogastric tube to 5 patients enrolled in a Phase 2 trial as described below. See *Absorption*.²
Open the 4 capsules and disperse the contents in 40 mL of sterile water. Shake or stir the mixture for 3 minutes. Transfer the mixture to an enteral syringe.
Flush the tube with 5 mL of water. Shake the enteral syringe for one minute then give into the tube. Flush the tube twice with 5 mL of water.
Give the dose within 2 hours of preparing the dispersion.²

What to do for people with swallowing difficulties

Option 1 Open the 4 capsules and disperse the contents in 40 mL of water. Stir for 3 minutes. Rinse the container to ensure the entire dose is given, then follow with a glass of water.³
If the person cannot swallow thin fluids, open the capsules and mix the contents with a spoonful of yoghurt or apple puree.
Mixing the contents of the capsule with soft food is not expected to impact absorption.³
See Method F for instructions.

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