

# DO NOT USE Ivermectin to treat or prevent COVID-19!



## What is Ivermectin and how is it used?

**Ivermectin is NOT an antiviral drug!**

Antiviral drugs treat viruses such as COVID-19.

Ivermectin in a pill form is used to treat parasitic worms in humans. A topical form of the drug is used to treat head lice and skin conditions (such as rosacea).



Some forms of Ivermectin are used in animals to prevent heartworm disease and certain internal and external parasites.

**Ivermectin preparations for animals are very DIFFERENT from those approved for humans!**

Animal drugs are often highly concentrated because they are used for large animals like horses and cows, which weigh a lot more than humans do!



**SUCH HIGH DOSES CAN BE HIGHLY TOXIC IN HUMANS!**



Poison control centers in multiple states are reporting increased calls about nausea, vomiting, and neurological symptoms due to unprescribed, veterinary-grade Ivermectin.

## Important Facts

- **Never use medications intended for animals on yourself.** The FDA has received multiple reports of patients who have required medical support and been hospitalized after self-medicating with veterinary-grade ivermectin intended for livestock.
- **You can overdose on Ivermectin**, which can cause nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, low blood pressure, allergic reactions, dizziness, problems with balance, seizures, coma, and even death.
- Even levels of Ivermectin for approved uses can **react negatively with other medications**, which is why it is important to only take this drug when prescribed by a licensed physician!

## Effective ways to limit the spread of COVID-19 continue to be:

- Getting vaccinated.
- Wearing your mask.
- Staying at least 6 feet from others who don't live with you.
- Washing your hands frequently.
- Avoiding crowds.

