



# Q&A on COVID-19, HIV and antiretrovirals

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**Are people living with HIV at increased risk of being infected with the virus that causes COVID-19?**

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**Can antiretrovirals be used to treat COVID-19?**

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**Can antiretrovirals be used to prevent COVID-19 infection?**

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**What studies on treatment and prevention of COVID-19 with antiretrovirals are being planned?**

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**What is WHO's position on the use of antiretrovirals for the treatment of COVID-19?**

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**What is WHO's position on use of corticosteroids for the treatment of COVID-19?**

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**If countries use antiretrovirals for COVID-19, are there concerns about treatment shortages for people living with HIV?**

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**How do we ensure human rights and reduce stigma and discrimination?**

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**How can programmes assure continued access to HIV services?**

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**What is the role multi-month prescriptions and dispensing for antiretrovirals and other medicines?**

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**Can pregnant or postpartum women living with HIV transmit the COVID-19 virus to their unborn child or infant?**

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**Should pregnant and breastfeeding women living with HIV with COVID-19 and their newborns be managed differently?**

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