



Monoclonal Antibodies for Treatment of COVID-19

If you have recently tested positive for COVID-19 or been exposed to someone with COVID-19, then monoclonal antibody therapy may help you feel better faster and prevent the need for hospitalization from COVID-19.

What are monoclonal antibodies?

Monoclonal antibodies, or mabs, are made in a laboratory to fight a particular infection- in this case, the virus that causes COVID-19- and are given to patients directly with an infusion or a shot. Therefore, mab treatment may help patients who are at high risk for hospitalization and severe symptoms. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for the use of monoclonal antibody therapies for the treatment of COVID-19 in certain high risk patients. This treatment is not a substitute for vaccination against COVID-19.

Who is eligible for monoclonal antibody treatment?

Patients considered at high risk for severe COVID-19, adults and youth ages 12-17, who weigh at least 88 pounds may be eligible for treatment. Patients who have recently tested positive for COVID-19 and have had symptoms for 10 days or less, should speak to their healthcare provider to see if monoclonal antibody treatment is an option for them. Some individuals who have been exposed to COVID-19 may qualify for treatment even before testing positive for COVID-19. If you do not have a healthcare provider, you can find one offering mab treatment at covid.infusioncenter.org.

Are monoclonal antibodies safe?

Most of the time, the benefits of treatment outweigh any risks. Severe allergic reactions are extremely rare, but have been reported with the use of monoclonal antibodies. Patients should talk to their healthcare provider to see if monoclonal antibody treatment is right for them.

How much will this treatment cost?

The federal government is distributing antibody treatment at no cost to patients. Many commercial insurance companies and Medicare are covering all costs for patients. Individuals should check with their health plan to determine if they will have to pay for treatment.

How are Monoclonal antibodies given at FCHC?

FCHC is offering monoclonal antibodies to adult patients at high risk for disease progression with mild to moderate symptoms and who have tested positive for COVID-19. Due to logistical and supply constraints, the availability of monoclonal antibody infusions are evaluated on a day to day basis. Therefore, individuals should check with their healthcare provider to determine if FCHC can meet their needs in a reasonable time frame.

For more information:

<https://combatcovid.hhs.gov/>

<https://www.fultoncountyhealthcenter.org/covid-19/>

Find a treatment center near you:

covid.infusioncenter.org

Federal monoclonal antibody call center: For English (1-877-332-6585) or for Spanish (1-877-366-0310).

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