## **Monoclonal Antibodies**Fact Sheet



### The Basics

You qualify for monoclonal antibody treatment if you are 65 or older, you've tested positive for COVID-19, and it has been 10 days or less since your symptoms first started. You may also qualify if you are under 65, have tested positive for COVID-19, and it has been 10 days or less since your symptoms first started, and you have other health conditions that put you at higher risk. Monoclonal antibody treatment is most effective when given early and the sooner it is given the better.

Getting vaccinated is the best way to prevent COVID-19. Monoclonal antibody treatment should NOT be used to prevent COVID-19. People who might benefit the most from this treatment are those who are most likely to be hospitalized or die from COVID-19.

Have symptoms, but no healthcare provider? Call the Combat COVID Monoclonal Antibodies Call Center at 1-877-332-6585.

Want to know more: Click Here

#### **How It Works**

Our bodies naturally make antibodies to fight infection. Monoclonal antibodies are like the antibodies your body makes to fight other viruses, but they are made in a lab and are designed to target the coronavirus spike protein. When the antibodies bind to the spike protein, they block the virus from entering your body's cells. This keeps the virus from spreading to more of your cells and can help those who are at higher-risk of being hospitalized with COVID-19.

Monoclonal antibodies are given to people through an intravenous (IV) infusion. These infusions are usually given in an outpatient infusion center. You will be at the infusion center for about 2 hours for the treatment. It takes about an hour for you to get all of the medicine through the infusion and then a healthcare worker will need to monitor you for any side effects for another hour.

## Where to Get Monoclonal Antibody Infusion

You will need to visit an infusion center to get monoclonal antibodies - your healthcare provider may be able to help you. You can also use this locator tool -

**National Infusion Center Association** 

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Step 1: Test positive for COVID-19 within the last 10 days.



**Step 2:** Receive a referral from your healthcare provider.



**Step 3:** Locate an available infusion location.

People who have had symptoms for 10 days or less should be referred for treatment by their healthcare providers and directed to available infusion locations. If you do not have a healthcare provider, call the Combat COVID Monoclonal Antibodies Call Center at 1-877-332-6585 to find out who to talk with about your symptoms and treatment.

There is no cost to anyone for the antibodies themselves, but there may be treatment fees. If you do not have insurance, ask the facility if there will be a charge.

## Want more info?

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