

COVID-19 Monoclonal Antibody Infusion Center

A free antibody therapy to qualifying adults with mild-to-moderate COVID-19

What is a Monoclonal Antibody Infusion?

When a virus enters your body, your immune system makes antibodies that fight it off. However, your body takes time to recognize the new virus and make a sufficient amount of COVID-19 specific antibodies.

This medication contains man-made antibodies that closely resemble the antibodies found in people who have recovered from COVID-19. These antibodies can both help fight off the virus and help give your body time to create its own antibodies.

The sooner the treatment is given, the greater the chance it will work. The purpose of this treatment is to decrease the risk of developing severe disease and being admitted to the hospital. Callers will be screened and those who qualify will be offered a medical exam and treatment with intravenous antibodies. The treatment lasts about two hours and people who receive treatment will go home the same day.

Who is this treatment for?

The Monoclonal Antibody Infusion is intended for people recently sick with COVID-19 who are at a high risk for serious illness. The goal of this treatment is to reduce serious illness, symptoms, and hospitalization in patients with risk factors. Some of these risk factors include age, weight, and certain preexisting health conditions. If you pass the initial screening you will be offered a medical exam to determine eligibility for this treatment.

Monoclonal Antibody Infusion Treatment

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How do I know if this treatment is right for me?

The following medical conditions or other factors may place adults and pediatric patients (age 12-17 years and weighing at least 40 kg) at higher risk for progressing to severe COVID-9:

- Older age (for example, age ≥ 65 years of age)
- Obesity or being overweight (for example, BMI > 25 kg/m², or if age 12-17, have BMI ≥ 85 th percentile for their age and gender based on CDC growth charts, www.cdc.gov/growthcharts/clinical_charts.htm)
- Pregnancy
- Chronic kidney disease
- Diabetes
- Immunosuppressive disease or immunosuppressive treatment
- Cardiovascular disease (including congenital heart disease) or hypertension
- Chronic lung diseases (for example, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, asthma [moderate-to-severe], interstitial lung disease, cystic fibrosis and pulmonary hypertension)
- Sickle cell disease
- Neurodevelopmental disorders (for example, cerebral palsy) or other conditions that confer medical complexity (for example, genetic or metabolic syndromes and severe congenital anomalies)
- Having a medical related technological dependence (for example, tracheostomy, gastrostomy, or positive pressure ventilation (not related to COVID-19))

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- Other medical conditions or factors (for example, race or ethnicity) may also place individual patients at high risk for progressing to severe COVID-19 and authorization of REGEN-COV under the EUA is not limited to the medical conditions or factors listed above. It is recommended to evaluate the patient as a whole to determine if the patient is at high risk for progressing to severe COVID-19.

What to expect during the appointment:

- Upon arrival, you will have a consultation with our medical staff to verify eligibility.
- A registered nurse provider will start the IV and administer the infusion over a period of 30 minutes.
- After the infusion is complete, you will be monitored for another 60 minutes, then discharged.
- You will have a follow up telehealth visit the day after the infusion, then every 2-3 days until symptoms resolve.

Appointments

If you are diagnosed with COVID-19, you can speak with your doctor to see if you are a candidate to receive this treatment. Your doctor can call us with a referral or you can call us directly for screening.

If you meet all our criteria, we will work with you to schedule an appointment. Call us at **916.733.3377**.