In November, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued an Emergency Use Authorization to allow the use of monoclonal antibodies for the treatment of mild to moderate symptoms of COVID-19 in adults and pediatric patients.

**What are monoclonal antibodies?**

Monoclonal antibodies are laboratory-made proteins that mimic your immune system’s ability to fight off harmful viruses. Casirivimab + imdevimab are monoclonal antibodies that are specifically designed to protect against the spike protein of COVID-19. These proteins are designed to stop the virus from entering the human cells.

**Who can get this treatment?**

To receive the treatment you must have a positive COVID-19 test and meet one of the following conditions:

- Are age 65 or older and weigh at least 80 lbs. or more
- Are told by your doctor that you are at high risk of a serious case of COVID-19
- Are age 12 or older and weigh at least 80 lbs. or more **AND** have any of the following:
  - Chronic kidney disease
  - Heart or lung disease
  - BMI of 25 or greater
  - Pregnancy
  - Diabetes
  - Immunosuppressive disease
  - OR other factors, including race/ethnicity, that puts you at higher risk for progressing to severe COVID-19

These medications are NOT approved for use in patients who are hospitalized due to COVID-19 or require oxygen therapy. Benefits of treatment have not been observed in patients hospitalized due to COVID-19. Monoclonal antibodies may be associated with worse clinical outcomes when given to patients with COVID-19 requiring oxygen ventilation. Individual administration sites may have additional criteria for use of these monoclonal antibody therapies in patients.
**Treatment locations**

Open the camera app
Focus the camera on the QR code
Follow the instructions to see locations

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Antibody Therapy

- A protein that binds to the virus and stops it from infecting you
- Treats those who are already infected with the COVID-19 virus
- As soon as it is given
- Weeks to months

Vaccine

- A piece of the virus your immune system can recognize
- Trains the immune system to fight against the COVID-19 virus
- 1-2 weeks after both doses are given
- Years to lifetime (may need boosters)

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Can I get treatment if I get sick?

If you receive a positive test result for COVID-19 and fall into any of the high risk categories, your doctor may recommend treatment to you.

Where can I go to get treatment?

To see locations that offer monoclonal antibody therapy through this program, scan the QR code with your cell phone.

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These medications will be available at no cost to patients, although health care facilities may charge for administering the medicine.

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