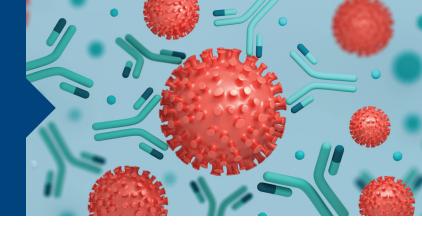
# Monoclonal Antibody Therapy at Baptist



## Life-saving treatment for high-risk COVID-19 patients

Monoclonal antibody therapy is available at several Baptist Memorial hospitals. This life-saving treatment is used to treat COVID-19 in individuals who have tested positive for the virus and are at high risk for developing severe illness. Patients receive laboratory-made monoclonal antibodies through intravenous (IV) infusion in an outpatient facility. Baptist was the first health care system in the region to offer monoclonal antibody therapy to qualified COVID-19 patients.

## Who gets monoclonal antibody therapy?

It is available to individuals who have started experiencing COVID-19 symptoms within the last 10 days and are at high risk for becoming severely ill from it.

Monoclonal antibody therapy is most effective in the first 10 days of the onset of symptoms. Get tested as soon as you begin experiencing symptoms.

Eligible patients must test positive for the virus and also meet one of the following criteria:

- Have a Body Mass Index (BMI) ≥35
- · Have chronic kidney disease
- Have diabetes
- Have immunosuppressive disease
- Are currently receiving immunosuppressive treatment
- 65 years of age or older
- 55 years or older with one pre-existing condition such as heart disease, high blood pressure, chronic respiratory disease, etc.

12 years of age or older with one pre-existing condition such as obesity (body mass index ≥85% for their age and gender), Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes, chronic kidney disease, sickle cell disease, asthma, heart disease, neurodevelopmental disorders, a weakened immune system or who are receiving immunosuppressing treatment.

## How can I get the treatment?

If you are eligible for monoclonal antibody therapy, here's what you need to do to get the treatment.

#### MONITOR YOUR SYMPTOMS

Symptoms of COVID infection include:

- · New loss of taste or smell
- Fever
- Cough
- · Difficulty breathing
- Nausea or vomiting
- Flu-like illness

### **ACT FAST AND GET TESTED**

If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, get tested as soon as possible.

#### SCHEDULE YOUR TREATMENT

Once you test positive for COVID-19, have your doctor make a referral for monoclonal antibody therapy at your nearest Baptist Memorial hospital, or you can call the Baptist Coronavirus Resource Center at 866-941-4785 to schedule an appointment.

For more information on monoclonal antibody therapy at Baptist Memorial hospitals, visit the Baptist Coronavirus Resource Center website at baptistonline.org/covid-19, or call us 24/7 at 866-941-4785.

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