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COVID-19 Therapeutics

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Agenda

- Introduction to COVID Therapeutics
- Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP)
- Post-Exposure Prophylaxis
- Treatment
- Administration Considerations
- Resources
- **Q & A / Discussion**

IMPORTANT UPDATES

- FDA Expands Authorization of Two Monoclonal Antibodies for Treatment and Post-Exposure Prevention of COVID-19 to Include Younger Pediatric Patients
- USG to Make Newly Authorized AstraZeneca COVID-19 Therapeutic Available Nationwide

FDA Expands Authorization of Bam/Ete for Treatment and Post-Exposure Prevention of COVID-19 to Include Younger Pediatric Patients

- FDA revised the [emergency use authorization](#) (EUA) of bamlanivimab and etesevimab (Eli Lilly and Company)
- Bam/Ete now authorized for the **treatment** of mild to moderate COVID-19 **in all younger pediatric patients**, including newborns, who have a positive COVID-19 test and are at high risk for progression to severe COVID-19, including hospitalization or death
- Revision also authorizes bam/ete for **post-exposure prophylaxis** for prevention of COVID-19 in all pediatric patients, including newborns, at high risk of progression to severe COVID-19, including hospitalization or death
- EUA Details: <https://www.fda.gov/media/145802/download>
- Federal COVID Response working w Pediatric Organizations on Education and Rollout

Section 1: Overview

Frequently Asked Questions Related to EUA

- Products under EUA **must be administered in accordance with the EUA.**
- **A signed consent form is not needed** to administer products under EUA.
- **No clinical data reporting is required** beyond established FDA mechanisms for tracking and reporting serious adverse events.

Current Information on Variants

- Delta
- Omicron

Federal Support of COVID-19 Therapeutics

NIH

Issues clinical guidelines for COVID-19 treatment

CMS/HRSA

Manages reimbursement

FDA

- Reviews Product Application
- Issues Emergency Use Authorizations (EUA)
- Reviews Serious Adverse Events
- Develops Patient & Provider Fact Sheets

State and Territorial Agencies

Facilitate distribution and administration

CDC

- Prepares Clinical Guidelines
- Monitors Variants
- Tracks Case Rates
- Prepares Vaccination Guidelines

HHS/DOD

- Coordinates Distribution
- Facilitates Administration
- Increases Product Understanding & Awareness
- Tracks Use of USG-supplied Products

Principles for USG allocation/ distribution of mAbs



- 1 Use USG infrastructure, plus:
 - Eli Lilly, Regeneron, GlaxoSmithKline (manufacturers)
 - * AmerisourceBergen (distributor)
- 2 Allocations must ensure both temporal and geographic equity
- 3 USG allocates to state and territorial health depts. based on:
 - Confirmed hospitalizations (7-day)
 - Confirmed cases (7-day)
- 4 States/territories distribute to administration sites
- 5 Admin sites report weekly mAb utilization
- 6 Manufacturer tracks pharmacovigilance, issues mandatory reports

USG-procured mAbs are provided at no cost

- Administration fees for mAbs may be billed by sites
- CMS reimbursement rates increased:
 - **\$450** for most outpatient settings
 - **\$750** when administered in patient's home
- Additional information on reimbursement:
[Monoclonal Antibody COVID-19 Infusion | CMS](#)
- Reimbursement options for uninsured individuals: [HRSA](#)

NIH COVID-19 Treatment Guidelines

- The [COVID-19 Treatment Guidelines Panel](#) **recommends** using anti-SARS-CoV-2 mAbs for:
 - Treatment of mild to moderate COVID-19
 - Post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) of SARS-CoV-2 infection in individuals who are at high risk for progression to severe COVID-19
 - ... as outlined in the FDA EUAs.
- See individual EUAs for details.

NIH Logistical Constraints

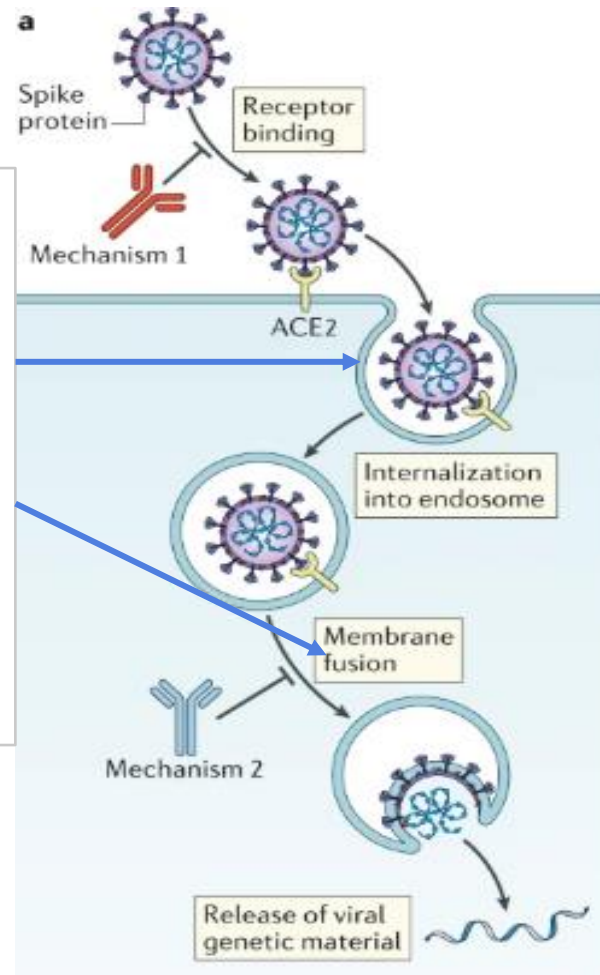
- Where necessary to triage, the NIH suggests:
 - **Prioritize treatment of COVID-19** over PEP of SARS-CoV-2 infection
 - **Prioritize these groups over vaccinated individuals** who are expected to have mounted an adequate immune response:
 - Unvaccinated or incompletely vaccinated, and at high risk of progressing to severe COVID-19
 - Vaccinated but not expected to mount an adequate immune response (e.g., immunocompromised)
- **Use clinical judgment** when prioritizing treatment or PEP
- When there are no logistical constraints for administering therapy, these considerations **should not** limit providing mAbs for SARS-CoV-2

Potential Mechanisms for mAbs' Clinical Effects

a) Bind to Virus

- 1) Block cell uptake
- 2) Block membrane fusion

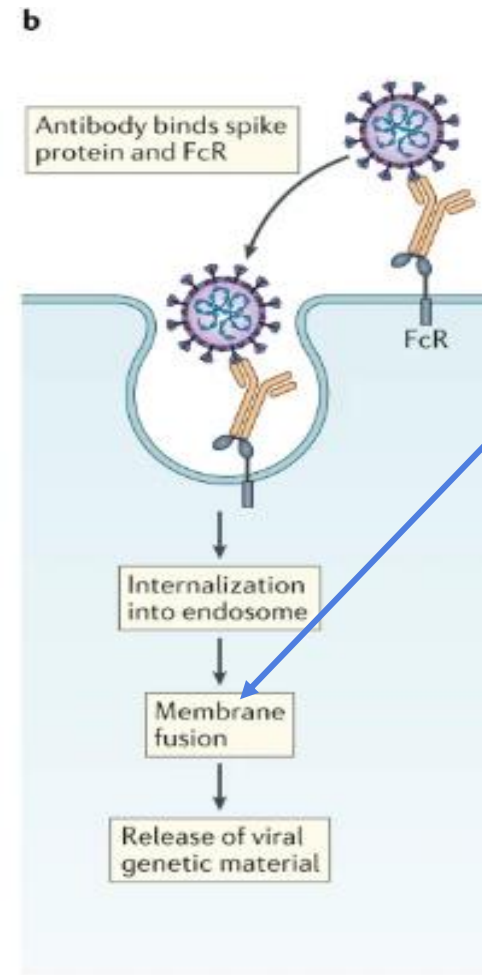
Impede replication



b) Bind to Virus

- 3) Deliver to immune cells

Destruction



Source: Nature

Stages of COVID-19 Therapeutics



[NIH Guidelines for Hospitalized Adult COVID-19 Patients](#)

Section 2: Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP)

Summary of COVID-19 Preventative Agents & Therapeutics

PrEP



Monoclonal Antibodies for PrEP

- Evusheld
AZD7442
(tixagevimab + cilgavimab)

¹Use and distribution of bam / ete has resumed nationally as of 09/02/2021, see [PHE.gov](https://www.phe.gov)

PrEP: Clinical Indications

- Evusheld (tixagevimab and cilgavimab) is only authorized for those individuals who are not currently infected with the SARS-CoV-2 virus and who have not recently been exposed to an individual infected with SARS-CoV-2.
- The authorization also requires that individuals either have:
 - Moderate to severely compromised immune systems due to a medical condition or due to taking immunosuppressive medications or treatments and may not mount an adequate immune response to COVID-19 vaccination (examples of such medical conditions or treatments can be found in the [fact sheet](#) for health care providers), **or**
 - A history of severe adverse reactions to a COVID-19 vaccine and/or component(s) of those vaccines, therefore vaccination with an available COVID-19 vaccine, according to the approved or authorized schedule, is not recommended.

PrEP: Medication and Administration

- One dose of Evusheld, administered as two separate consecutive intramuscular injections (one injection per monoclonal antibody, given in immediate succession), may be effective for pre-exposure prevention for six months.
- Evusheld is not authorized for individuals for the treatment of COVID-19 or for post-exposure prevention of COVID-19.
- As with any other IM injection, administer with caution to patients with thrombocytopenia or any coagulation disorder

<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-fda-authorizes-new-long-acting-monoclonal-antibodies-pre-exposure>

Section 3: Post-exposure Prophylaxis (PEP)

Summary of COVID-19 Preventative Agents & Therapeutics

PEP



Monoclonal Antibodies for PEP

- Casirivimab + Imdevimab (RGN)
- Bamlanivimab + Etesevimab (Lilly)

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Post Exposure Prophylaxis: Clinical Indications

EUA-authorized mAbs are authorized for PEP of COVID-19 in individuals who are:

- Adult or pediatric (≥ 12 years of age and weighing at least 40kg) patient **at high risk for progressing to severe disease or death (see *high risk criteria*) OR**
- Pediatric Patient <40kg (including neonates)*** **at high risk for progressing to severe disease or death (see *high risk criteria*) ***bamlanivimab/etesevimab only***

AND

- Not fully vaccinated¹ **or** who are not expected to mount an adequate immune response to complete SARS-CoV-2 vaccination (for example, individuals with immunocompromising conditions including those taking immunosuppressive medications²) **AND**
 - have been exposed to an individual infected with SARS-CoV-2 consistent with close contact criteria per CDC³ **OR**
 - **who are at high risk of exposure to an individual infected with SARS-CoV-2** because of occurrence of COVID-19 in other individuals in the same institutional setting (for example, nursing homes, prisons) *[see limitations of authorized use]*

1. [CDC's Have You Been Fully Vaccinated?](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html#vaccinated) (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html#vaccinated>)

2. [CDC's Science Brief: COVID-19 Vaccines and Vaccination](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/science/science-briefs/fully-vaccinated-people.html) (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/science/science-briefs/fully-vaccinated-people.html>)

3. [CDC's Quarantine and Isolation](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/quarantine.html) (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/quarantine.html>)

RISK FACTORS FOR TREATMENT AND PEP WITH mAbs INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

- Older age (e.g., ≥ 65 years of age)
- Age <1 year for bam/ete
- Obesity or overweight
- Pregnancy
- Chronic kidney disease
- Diabetes
- Immunosuppressive disease or immunosuppressive treatment
- Cardiovascular disease or hypertension
- Chronic lung diseases
- Sickle cell disease
- Neurodevelopmental disorders
- Medical-related technological dependence

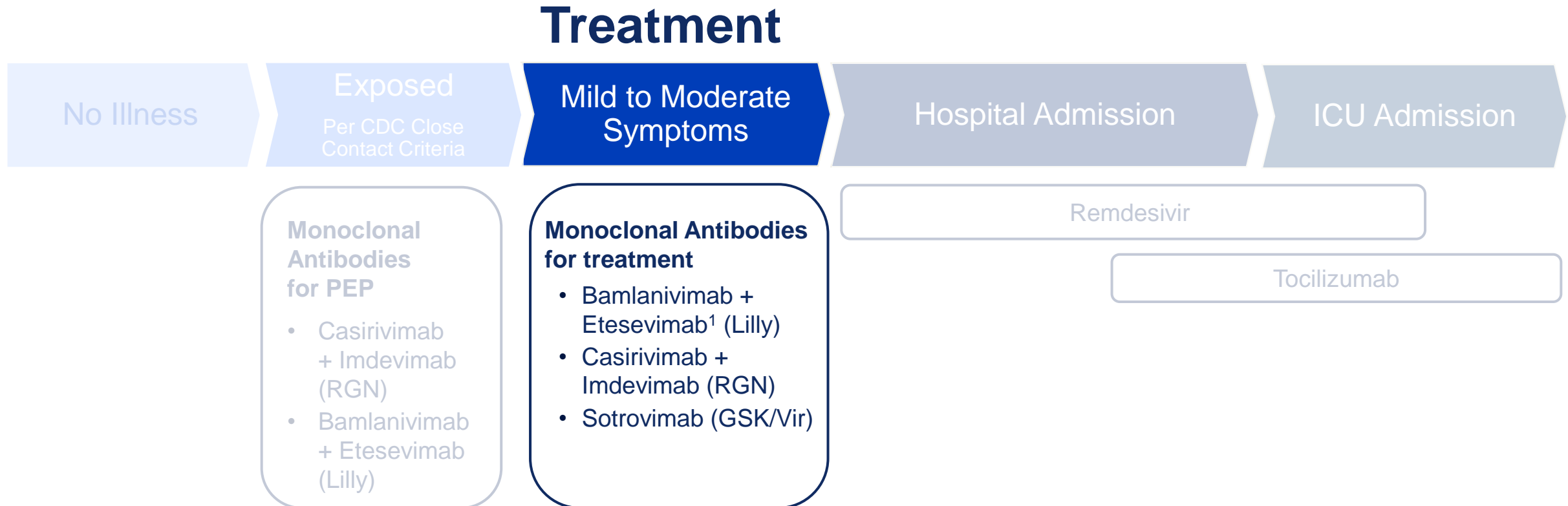
**...or
Provider
Judgment**

PEP: Limitations of Authorized Use

- Post-exposure prophylaxis with bamlanivimab + etesevimab or REGEN-COV (casirivimab + imdevimab) is not a substitute for vaccination against COVID-19.
- Bamlanivimab + etesevimab REGEN-COV (casirivimab + imdevimab) and are not authorized for pre-exposure prophylaxis for prevention of COVID-19

Section 3: Treatments

Summary of COVID-19 Preventative Agents & Therapeutics



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Bottom Line:

Monoclonal antibody treatment reduces relative risk of hospitalization

- Individuals with mild to moderate COVID-19 who are at **high risk** of developing severe disease
- Likely most effective when **given early in disease course**
- Bamlanivimab + etesevimab¹ and REGEN-COV (casirivimab + imdevimab) reduce the relative risk of hospitalization by **up to 87%** in high-risk patients
- Sotrovimab reduces relative risk of hospitalization by **up to 79%** in high-risk patients

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Therapy: Clinical Indications

- **Mild to moderate COVID-19 cases** early in infection, and...
- Who are at **high risk for progressing to severe COVID-19 and/or hospitalization**, and...
- Who meet the following criteria:
 - Adult or pediatric (≥ 12 years and weighing at least **40kg**)
 - Pediatric patients (including neonates) ***bamlanivimab/etesevimab only
 - Confirmation via **positive PCR or antigen test**
 - Treatment **as soon as possible** following positive viral test and **within 10 days of symptom onset**
 - Patient symptomatic but **not yet progressed** to require hospitalization (**2 years of age or older**) or oxygen therapy (or increase from baseline chronic oxygen therapy)

December 8 Update: Pediatric Indications for Bam/Ete

- **Bam/Ete EUA Updates:**
 - Post-Exposure Prophylaxis **AND**
 - Treatment
 - Children down to age newborn
 - Age < 1 year now listed as **High-Risk Criteria**
 - Admitted Children Less than 2 years old can receive Bam/Ete **In-Patient**
 - Still not able to receive if on supplemental oxygen
 - EUA Details: <https://www.fda.gov/media/145802/download>
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**...or
Provider
Judgment**

Monoclonal Antibody Indications and Routes of Administration

Monoclonal Antibody	PRE-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS (PREP) for eligible individuals	POST-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS (PEP) for individuals who are not fully vaccinated or immunocompromised, with high risk of progression to severe disease	TREATMENT of Mild to Moderate COVID-19 Infection within 10 days of symptom onset in patient with high risk of progression to severe disease
bamlanivimab and etesevimab ¹ (Eli Lilly)	N/A	Dose: bamlanivimab 700mg and etesevimab 1400mg Route: Intravenous Post-administration monitoring: 60 minutes Weight-based pediatric (< 40kg) dosing¹	Dose: bamlanivimab 700mg and etesevimab 1400mg Route: Intravenous Post-administration monitoring: 60 minutes Weight-based pediatric (< 40kg) dosing¹
casirivimab and imdevimab ² (REGEN-COV)	N/A	Dose: casirivimab 600mg and imdevimab 600mg Route: Intravenous is preferred route, however subcutaneous injection may be utilized in situations where there would be a delay in intravenous administration Post-administration monitoring: 60 minutes	Dose: casirivimab 600mg and imdevimab 600mg Route: Intravenous or subcutaneous Post-administration monitoring: 60 minutes
sotrovimab ³ (Glaxo Smith Kline)	N/A	N/A	Dose: sotrovimab 500mg Route: Intravenous Post-administration monitoring: 60 minutes
tixagevimab and cilgavimab ⁴ (AstraZeneca)	Dose: tixagevimab 150mg and cilgavimab 150mg Route: Intramuscular Post-administration monitoring: 60 min	N/A	N/A

• Refer to product Emergency Use Authorizations for detail on indications and administration

• ¹ Fact Sheet for Health Care Providers Emergency Use Authorization of Bamlanivimab and Etesevimab (<https://www.fda.gov/media/145802/download>)

• ² Fact Sheet for Health Care Providers Emergency Use Authorization of REGEN-COV™ (casirivimab and imdevimab) (<https://www.fda.gov/media/145611/download>)

• ³ Fact Sheet for Health Care Providers Emergency Use Authorization of Sotrovimab (<https://www.fda.gov/media/149534/download>)

• ⁴ Fact Sheet for Health Care Providers Emergency Use Authorization for Evusheld (tixagevimab co-packaged with cilgavimab) (<https://www.fda.gov/media/154701/download>)

General Guidelines for Bamlanivimab / Etesevimab Dosing & Administration: **Pediatric Patients <40kg (including neonates)**

Table 2: Recommended Dosing, Preparation and Administration Instructions for **Undiluted** Bamlanivimab (BAM) and Etesevimab (ETE) for IV Infusion in Pediatric Patients (<18 years and weighing less than 40 kg)

Body Weight	BAM/ETE dose (mg)	Amount of BAM (as mL) ^a	Amount of ETE (as mL) ^a	Maximum Infusion Rate
>20 kg to <40 kg	350 mg / 700 mg	10 mL	20 mL	1.88 mL/min
>12 kg to 20 kg	175 mg / 350 mg	5 mL	10 mL	0.94 mL/min
>11 kg to 12 kg	138 mg / 276 mg	3.9 mL	7.9 mL	0.74 mL/min
>10 kg to 11 kg	126 mg / 252 mg	3.6 mL	7.2 mL	0.68 mL/min
>9 kg to 10 kg	114 mg / 228 mg	3.3 mL	6.5 mL	0.61 mL/min
>8 kg to 9 kg	102 mg / 204 mg	2.9 mL	5.8 mL	0.54 mL/min
>7 kg to 8 kg	90 mg / 180 mg	2.6 mL	5.1 mL	0.48 mL/min
>6 kg to 7 kg	78 mg / 156 mg	2.2 mL	4.5 mL	0.42 mL/min
>5 kg to 6 kg	66 mg / 132 mg	1.9 mL	3.8 mL	0.36 mL/min
>4 kg to 5 kg	54 mg / 108 mg	1.5 mL	3.1 mL	0.29 mL/min
>3 kg to 4 kg	42 mg / 84 mg	1.2 mL	2.4 mL	0.23 mL/min
>2 kg to 3 kg	30 mg / 60 mg	0.9 mL	1.7 mL	0.16 mL/min
>1.5 kg to 2 kg	21 mg / 42 mg	0.6 mL	1.2 mL	0.11 mL/min
1 kg to 1.5 kg	15 mg / 30 mg	0.4 mL	0.9 mL	0.08 mL/min

Section 5: Administration

Administration can occur across a variety of models



Hospitals



Ambulatory
centers



Nursing homes



Mobile sites



Home

Information support via [PHE.gov/mAbs](https://www.phe.gov/mAbs) and [CombatCOVID.hhs.gov/](https://www.combatcovid.hhs.gov/)
(links to EUA criteria, consolidated playbooks, educational materials)

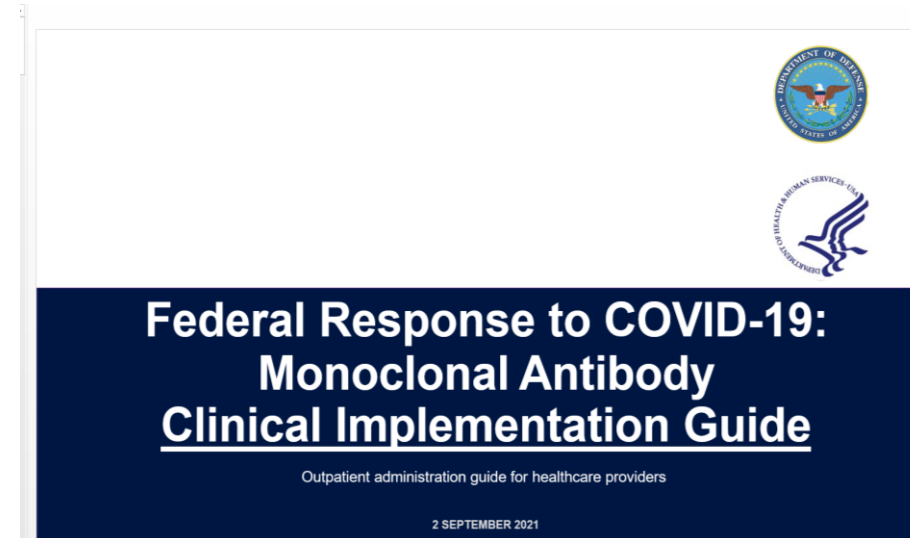
Section 6: Resources

Clinical Implementation Guide

Federal Response to COVID-19: Monoclonal Antibody Clinical Implementation Guide

- Updated periodically with EUA changes
- **PHE.gov/mabs**

Monoclonal antibody side-by-side
overview



Please contact COVID19Therapeutics@hhs.gov with any questions

Best Practices and Resources

- USG shares best practices with medical and professional societies
 - Best practices and testimonials: <https://combatcovid.hhs.gov/hcp/videos-mono-clonal-antibodies>
- Additional information and resources: phe.gov/mAbs and [CombatCOVID.hhs.gov](https://combatcovid.hhs.gov)
 - mAbs calculator for infusion sites to estimate capacity and maximize use of resources: www.PHE.gov/mAbs-calculator
 - Information Toolkit – resources for administration sites, communications and public information officers, providers, patients: <https://www.phe.gov/emergency/events/COVID19/therapeutics/Pages/toolkit.aspx>

Asks for Community Leaders and Healthcare Providers



Increase awareness of therapies in your community:

- Share information in local outlets
- Post information (neighborhood apps, social media, etc.):
"Monoclonal antibodies are available treatment options"
- Host outreach events



Locate administration sites in your community



Share your experiences:

- Post online (blogs, social media, etc.)
- Share with HHS/ASPR at COVID19Therapeutics@hhs.gov

Weekly Stakeholder Engagements

- **Office Call Sessions: HHS / ASPR Distribution and Administration of COVID-19 Therapeutics – open to all with equity in the process**
 - Tuesdays (2:00 - 2:30PM ET)
 - Thursdays (2:00 - 2:30PM ET)
- **Stakeholder Call: State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Health Officials**
 - Wednesdays (2:00 - 3:00PM ET)
- **Stakeholder Call: National Health Care and Medical Orgs and Associations**
 - Wednesdays (3:15 - 4:15PM ET)
- **Federal COVID-19 Response: Therapeutics 210 Webinar**
 - Fridays (12:00 - 1:00PM ET)
 - Target audience: new administration sites, health officials
 - <https://hhsasproea.zoomgov.com/j/1617536991?pwd=NjFMcnJOUENuSFhtRFFtaWltejYzZz09>

Please email COVID19Therapeutics@hhs.gov to request Zoom links for these calls

Additional Resources

- [Evusheld \(AZD7442\)](#)
- [Bamlanivimab/etesevimab](#)
- [REGEN-COV](#)
- [Sotrovimab](#)
- [COVID-19 Monoclonal Antibody Eligibility: Treatment and Post-Exposure Prophylaxis](#)
- [COVID-19 Monoclonal Antibody \(mAb\) Checklist: Subcutaneous & Intravenous Administration](#)
- [EMS Template Protocol for COVID-19 Monoclonal Antibody Administration: Treatment and Post-Exposure Prophylaxis of REGEN-COV \(casirivimab and imdevimab\)](#)
- [REGEN-COV: Subcutaneous Injection Instructions for Healthcare Providers](#)