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# Monoclonal Antibody Infusions for COVID Positive Patients

## SUMMARY

NCTTRAC and TDEM have partnered with MPP Infusion to create state-funded infusion sites in the DFW area. These sites will accept patient referrals from healthcare providers across the region to help administer COVID therapeutics quickly and safely with the ultimate goal of preventing patients from needing hospitalization.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Patients must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- ≥ 65 years of age
- BMI ≥ 35
- Has chronic kidney disease, diabetes, or immunosuppressive disease
- Currently receiving immunosuppressive treatment
- ≥ 55 years of age AND
  - Cardiovascular disease, hypertension, or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease/other chronic respiratory disease

Additionally, patients must meet ALL of the following criteria:

- COVID-positive & within 10 days of symptom onset
- Not asymptomatic and has mild to moderate illness
- Not hospitalized due to COVID-19
- Does not require oxygen therapy due to COVID-19 and has SpO<sub>2</sub> ≥ 94% on room air
- If pregnant, patient must be cleared with OB/GYN
- Has not received COVID-19 vaccine in last 90 days

## What Is It?

Monoclonal antibody therapies have been shown in clinical trials to reduce the risk of hospitalization due to COVID-19. **If you have recently tested positive for COVID-19, you may be eligible for monoclonal antibody infusion treatment.** The two main types of monoclonal antibody infusion treatment are Bamlanivimab and a Regeneron cocktail made of Casirivimab and Imdevimab.

## How Do I Get a Monoclonal Antibody Infusion Treatment?

**You must see a physician to be referred for monoclonal antibody infusion treatment.** Any physician can refer you – your primary care physician, an urgent care center, a freestanding ED, or a hospital. Not all patients are eligible for this treatment; the Eligibility Criteria are listed on the left side of this document.

If a physician determines that you are eligible for this treatment, they can refer you to the state-funded infusion centers operated by MPP Infusion. The infusion center will then contact you to schedule an infusion appointment. **There is no “walk-in” availability; all treatments must be scheduled in advance.**

## My Physician Doesn't Know How to Refer Me to the Infusion Centers – How Can They Learn More?

Physicians can call **855-478-1528** for education on the referral process and to receive a copy of the referral form.

## How Much Does This Cost?

Monoclonal antibody infusion treatments delivered at the state-funded infusion sites operated by MPP Infusion have no cost to the patient or to the referring provider; they are entirely funded by the State of Texas. Please note this does not include any costs associated with seeing a physician, nor does it cover any monoclonal antibody infusions delivered by other infusion sites.

## How Long Does This Take?

After a physician submits a referral form, patients are usually contacted within 24 hours to schedule their appointment. The actual infusion treatment takes 1 hour, with an additional hour required for patient monitoring. Your entire appointment will usually take between 2 – 2.5 hours.

## Where Can I Learn More About Monoclonal Antibody Infusions?

[covid19.lilly.com/bamlanivimab](https://covid19.lilly.com/bamlanivimab)

[regeneron.com/casirivimab-imdevimab](https://regeneron.com/casirivimab-imdevimab)

## Where can I find my nearest location?

[meds.tdem.texas.gov](https://meds.tdem.texas.gov). Please note that the process maybe different depending on the facility, and non-state-funded infusion sites may have a charge for the patient. For facility point of contact information, please dial the Texas Therapeutics Facilities support line at 844-908-3927 (844-90-TEXAS).