

# Monoclonal Antibody Therapy

## Memorial Hospital of Sweetwater County (MHSC) Provides Monoclonal Antibody Therapy

MHSC provides monoclonal antibody therapy for COVID-19 positive outpatients on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. **Treatment is by provider referral and appointment only. Once a primary care provider refers a patient for treatment, MHSC's scheduling department will call the patient to schedule an appointment.** Patients will need to stay at the outpatient clinic for approximately 2.5 hours for treatment and post-treatment observation.

### *Who is NOT eligible for monoclonal antibody therapy?*

- Those who are hospitalized due to COVID-19
- Those who require oxygen therapy due to COVID-19
- Those who are on chronic oxygen therapy due to an underlying condition (not related to COVID-19) and who require an increase in baseline oxygen flow rate because of COVID-19

### *Who is eligible for monoclonal antibody therapy?*

Monoclonal antibody therapy is available to individuals who meet the following criteria:

- Were exposed to the virus within the past 10 days AND
- Have a positive COVID-19 test AND have not been admitted to the hospital AND
- Have a high risk\*\* for developing severe COVID-19 AND
- Are 12 years of age or older (and are at least 88 pounds)

### *Who is eligible for preventive monoclonal antibody therapy?*

Preventive monoclonal antibody therapy is available to individuals who have been exposed to COVID-19 (consistent with the CDC's close contact criteria\*) and who meet the following criteria:

- Are at high risk\*\* for developing severe COVID-19 AND
- Are 12 years of age or older (and are at least 88 pounds) AND
- Are not fully vaccinated or are vaccinated but are immunocompromised

\*In some cases, direct exposure isn't a criterion for getting monoclonal antibody therapy.

If you meet the criteria above and are at high risk of exposure to an individual infected with COVID-19 in the same institutional setting (for example, a nursing home or prison), you are eligible for post-exposure preventive monoclonal antibodies.

\*\*High risk includes any of the following:

- 65 years of age or older
- Overweight (body mass index over 25)
- Pregnancy
- Chronic kidney disease
- Diabetes (Type 1 and Type 2)
- Weakened immune system
- Currently receiving immunosuppressive treatment
- Cardiovascular disease/hypertension
- Chronic lung disease
- Sickle cell disease
- Neurodevelopmental disorders
- Medical-related technological dependence

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Monoclonal Antibody Therapy is not a substitute for vaccination.