Monoclonal antibody treatment is for people who have COVID-19 and are not hospitalized. Treatment can lower the amount of virus in your body, reduce symptoms and help avoid hospitalization. **Treatment is most effective when received soon after COVID-19 symptoms begin, so it is important to get tested right away.**

### What is monoclonal antibody treatment?
Monoclonal antibodies are made in a lab and work similarly to antibodies your immune system makes to fight infection. Monoclonal antibody treatment helps your body fight COVID-19 while your immune system begins to make its own antibodies. In clinical studies, monoclonal antibody treatments were shown to be safe and effective.

### Who is eligible for monoclonal antibody treatment?
Treatment is authorized for people who meet all the following:

- Tested positive for COVID-19
- Have had mild to moderate COVID-19 symptoms for 10 days or less
- Are age 12 or older and weigh at least 88 pounds
- Are at a high risk for severe COVID-19 illness, including older adults and people with certain underlying health conditions, such as obesity, diabetes, chronic kidney disease or a weakened immune system

### How is monoclonal antibody treatment given?
Treatment is given by injection or intravenous (IV) infusion and takes about an hour. Patients are observed for an additional hour to make sure they do not have any immediate bad reactions.

### What are the side effects?
Side effects may include:

- A reaction at the site of the IV, including pain, swelling, bleeding, bruising or an infection
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
- Itching, rash or hives

Allergic reactions and other serious side effects are very rare. If you experience fever, trouble breathing, rapid or slow heart rate, tiredness, weakness, confusion, or other concerning symptoms, contact your health care provider right away. Call 911 or go to an emergency department if your symptoms become severe or worsen.

### Where can I get monoclonal antibody treatment?
Call your provider right away if you test positive for COVID-19 to see if you are eligible for treatment and for help finding a treatment site. You can also talk to an NYC Health + Hospitals doctor by visiting expresscare.nyc and clicking “Talk to a Doctor Now,” or calling 212-COVID19 (212-268-4319). For a list of monoclonal antibody treatment locations, visit hitesite.org/monoclonalantibody.

### How much does monoclonal antibody treatment cost?
Treatment is covered by Medicaid and Medicare plans at no cost. If you have private insurance, check with the treating facility and your health plan about costs. NYC Health + Hospitals provides treatment and care regardless of immigration status or ability to pay.
Can I get monoclonal antibody treatment if I received a COVID-19 vaccine?
Yes. If you have symptoms of COVID-19 and test positive, you can receive treatment.

Can I get a COVID-19 vaccine after receiving monoclonal antibody treatment?
Yes, you should still get vaccinated against COVID-19. However, you should wait 90 days after treatment before getting vaccinated.

What if I have not been tested for COVID-19?
If you have symptoms, such as fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, headache, or loss of sense of taste or smell, or are otherwise feeling unwell, get tested right away. Visit nyc.gov/covidtest, text “COVID TEST” to 855-48 or call 311 to find a testing site near you.

How can I learn more about monoclonal antibody treatment for COVID-19?
Visit combatcovid.hhs.gov.

For more information, visit nyc.gov/health/coronavirus or call 311.