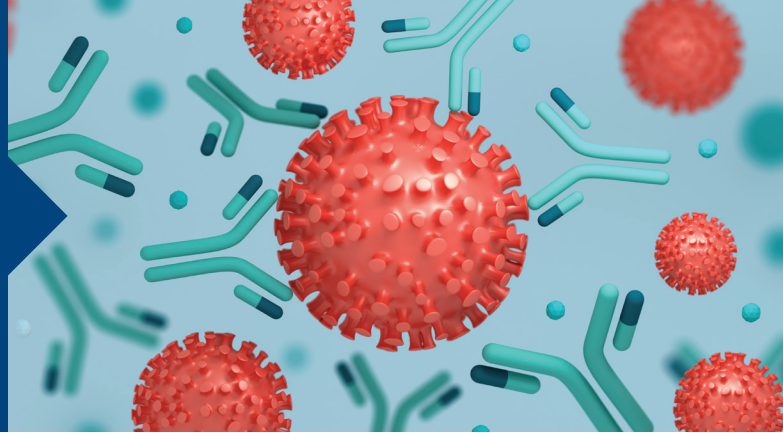


# Monoclonal Antibody Therapy at Baptist



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

Monoclonal antibody therapy is available at several Baptist Memorial locations. 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 or injection 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 experienced their first COVID-19 symptoms within the last 10 days and are at high risk for becoming severely ill.

Monoclonal antibody therapy is most effective when it is administered within 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:

- Be 65 years of age or older
- Obesity or being overweight (adults with BMI >25 kg/m<sup>2</sup>, or if age 12-17, have BMI >85th percentile for their age and gender)
- Pregnancy
- Chronic kidney disease
- Diabetes
- Immunosuppressive disease or immunosuppressive treatment
- Cardiovascular disease (including congenital heart disease) or hypertension
- Chronic lung diseases (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, moderate to severe asthma, interstitial lung disease, cystic fibrosis and pulmonary hypertension)

- Sickle cell disease
- Neurodevelopmental disorders (for example, cerebral palsy) or other conditions that confer medical complexity (for example, genetic or metabolic syndromes and severe congenital anomalies)
- Having a medical-related technological dependence (for example, tracheostomy, gastrostomy, or positive pressure ventilation not related to COVID-19)
- Other medical conditions or factors that place the individual at high risk for progressing to severe COVID-19 (visit [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html) for a list of evidence-based conditions and factors)

## 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, you can call the Baptist Coronavirus Resource Center at 866-941-4785 to find out where you can receive monoclonal antibody treatment.

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