

# Monoclonal Antibody Therapy

## Referrals for COVID-Positive Patients

### *Frequently Asked Questions*



#### **What are the use criteria for Monoclonal Antibody (mAb) Therapy?**

When selecting a course of treatment for patients with mild-to-moderate COVID-19, please refer to MHC COVID-19 Treatment Guidelines [Table 1](#) for preferential order of COVID medications.

If within 7 days of symptoms AND meets the referral criteria of either A or B:

- a. Regardless of vaccination status with 1 of the following:
  - i. Severe immunocompromise
  - ii. Absolute drug contraindication to Paxlovid AND moderate immunocompromise

#### **OR**

- b. Not up-to-date on vaccines with 1 of the following:
  - iii. Pregnant
  - iv. Absolute drug contraindication to Paxlovid AND additional CDC risk factor for severe disease

**Providers are encouraged to evaluate COVID-positive patients for Paxlovid prior to referring for treatment with a COVID-19 monoclonal antibody therapy (i.e., Bebtelovimab). Contraindications to Paxlovid include certain drug interactions, eGFR < 30 mL/min, and Child Pugh class C.**

#### **When can Monoclonal Antibody Therapy be administered?**

Monoclonal antibody therapy must be administered within **7 days** of symptom onset.

#### **How can I refer a patient for Monoclonal Antibody Therapy?**

Providers can easily refer COVID-positive patients who would like to receive mAb therapy by using our secure, online [mAb patient referral form](#). Providers do NOT need to provide documentation of a positive COVID-19 result.

We ask that providers have a preliminary discussion with your patients about the treatment prior to completing the online referral form and not to refer patients who do not want mAb treatment.

NOTE: Do not instruct patients to go to the ED for this therapy. Only patients experiencing symptoms severe enough to require evaluation in the Emergency Department should be directed to the ED.

#### **Can patients self-refer?**

Although a provider referral is preferred, patients with documentation of a positive COVID-19 result can self-refer by calling the mAb Support Line at **231-935-4880**. Patients will need to email to [MHC-MABCLinic@mhc.net](mailto:MHC-MABCLinic@mhc.net) or fax documentation of the positive COVID-19 test. Please do not direct your patients to call Ask-A-Nurse to schedule mAb therapy.

#### **Are you able to schedule all patients who are referred (or self-refer) for treatment?**

Due to high demand and limited supply, not all qualifying patients may not be scheduled for treatment.

#### **How soon will Monoclonal Antibody Therapy Team contact the patient to schedule treatment?**

After receiving a referral, the mAb Team will contact the patient within 1-3 business days either to schedule an appointment or to notify them that no appointment is available.

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### **How is the mAb therapy administered?**

We currently offer Bebtelovimab, which is only available by intravenous (IV) infusion.

### **Where is mAb therapy available?**

We have consolidated all mAb therapy for COVID-positive patients to the Traverse City mAb clinic. Transportation is available for those patients who live outside the Grand Traverse County area.

### **Where can I find mAb referral resources?**

Munson Healthcare provider resources, including MHC mAb Referral Form, referral workflow, and fact sheets, can be found on our [COVID-19 Patient Care webpage](#).

**Questions?** Contact the mAb Support Team at [MHC-MABClinic@mhc.net](mailto:MHC-MABClinic@mhc.net).