COVID-19

Monoclonal Antibody Treatment

What is monoclonal antibody treatment?

Monoclonal antibodies are human-made proteins that mimic the immune system's ability to fight off harmful viruses like the coronavirus. Monoclonal antibodies attack the virus and reduce its ability to spread through your body. Monoclonal antibody treatments are not new and, in the case of COVID-19, the FDA has allowed their use under Emergency Use Authorization for treatment.

Who should receive this treatment?

Children and adults over the age of 12 who have begun to feel sick within the past 10 days, who have tested positive for COVID-19 (regardless of being vaccinated or not) and who are at high risk for progression to severe COVID-19 illness. Visit *floridahealthcovid19.gov/monoclonal-antibody-therapy* to learn more about eligibility for monoclonal antibody treatment.

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Where can I access monoclonal antibody treatment?

To access monoclonal antibody treatment at UF Health in Gainesville, you must be evaluated by your primary care provider first.

- In Gainesville, to schedule an appointment, please call 352.647.0000 to reach the monoclonal antibody clinic. Please do not go to area emergency rooms for monoclonal antibody treatment.

The state of Florida has also established monoclonal antibody treatment facilities across the state and a referral from a physician is not required. The closest location to Gainesville is in High Springs:

Alachua County Rural Collection Center

NW 170TH STREET

MLK BLVD / HWY 441

HIGH SPRINGS

GAINESVILLE

NW 194TH STREET

Fellowship Church
16916 NW U.S. Highway 441
High Springs, FL 32643
**Open Monday - Friday
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

Oak Ridge at High Springs

Appointments and walk-ins are welcome. Visit *floridahealthcovid19.gov/monoclonal-antibody-therapy* for more information or to make an appointment.

How is the treatment given to patients? How long does it take?

There are two treatment options: an injection series or by intravenous, or IV, infusion. Depending on the treatment, it may take up to 20 minutes to receive. After, you will be observed for one hour. A typical appointment can last up to two hours.

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