Monoclonal antibody treatment can prevent severe illness, hospitalization, and death in high-risk patients who have contracted or been exposed to COVID-19.

**Treatment is free**, although healthcare facilities may charge for administering the medicine. Vaccination status does not matter. If you are 12 years and older and are at high risk for severe illness due to COVID-19, you may be eligible for this treatment.

The antibodies help the immune system recognize and respond effectively to the virus. According to the treatment guidelines, they should be administered as soon as possible after diagnosis.

**Who can get this treatment?**

Antibody treatment can be used by people with mild to moderate COVID-19 who:

- Test positive for SARS-CoV-2;
- Are within 10 days of the start of their symptoms;
- Are age 12 or older and weigh at least 88 pounds; and
- Are at high risk of progressing to severe COVID-19 infection or of needing to be admitted to a hospital because of COVID-19. Examples of chronic medical conditions include:
  - Chronic kidney disease
  - Diabetes
  - Immunosuppressive disease
  - Currently receiving immunosuppressive treatment
  - Having a BMI greater than 25
  - Pregnancy
  - Aged 65 years and older
  - Chronic lung diseases (e.g., COPD, asthma [moderate-to-severe], interstitial lung disease, cystic fibrosis, and pulmonary hypertension)
  - Cardiovascular disease or hypertension
  - Sickle cell disease
  - Neurodevelopmental disorders (e.g., cerebral palsy) or other complex conditions (e.g., genetic or metabolic syndromes and severe congenital abnormalities)
  - Having a medical-related technological dependence (e.g., tracheostomy, gastrostomy, or positive pressure ventilation [not related to COVID-19])

Individuals who meet high risk criteria and test positive should **contact their primary care provider about a referral for monoclonal antibody treatment** within three days of a positive test result and no later than 10 days after symptom onset.

In clinical trials, monoclonal antibody treatment showed a 70% reduction in hospitalization and death.
MONOCLONAL ANTIBODY TREATMENT LOCATIONS

**Avera Health**
- Avera St. Luke’s Hospital - Aberdeen
- Avera Dells Area Hospital - Dell Rapids
- Avera De Smet Memorial Hospital - De Smet
- Avera Flandreau Hospital - Flandreau
- Freeman Regional Hospital - Freeman
- Avera Gregory Hospital - Gregory
- Avera Milbank Area Hospital - Milbank
- Avera Hand Co. Memorial Hospital - Miller
- Avera Queen of Peace Hospital - Mitchell
- Avera St Benedict Hospital - Parkston
- Avera St. Mary’s Hospital - Pierre
- Avera Platte Health Center - Platte
- Community Memorial Hospital - Redfield
- Avera Landmann-Jungman Memorial Hospital - Scotland
- Avera St. Michael’s Hospital - Tyndall
- Avera Wagner Community Hospital - Wagner
- Avera Sacred Heart Hospital - Yankton

**Monument Health**
- Monument Health Custer Hospital - Custer
- Monument Health Lead-Deadwood Hospital - Deadwood
- Philip Health Services - Philip
- Monument Health Rapid City Hospital - Rapid City
- Monument Health Spearfish Hospital - Spearfish
- Monument Health Sturgis Hospital - Sturgis

**Sanford Health**
- Sanford Aberdeen Medical Center - Aberdeen
- Douglas Co Memorial Hospital - Armour
- Community Memorial Hospital - Burke
- Sanford Canton-Inwood Medical Center - Canton
- Sanford Chamberlain Medical Center - Chamberlain
- Sanford Clear Lake Medical Center - Clear Lake
- Sanford USD Medical Center - Sioux Falls
- Sanford Vermillion Medical Center - Vermillion
- Pioneer Memorial Hospital - Viborg
- Sanford Webster Medical Center - Webster
- Winner Regional Hospital - Winner

**Independent Hospitals**
- Bowdle Hospital - Bowdle
- Brookings Health System - Brookings
- Faulkton Area Medical Center - Faulkton
- Fall River Health Services - Hot Springs
- Huron Regional Healthcare Center - Huron
- Madison Community Hospital - Madison
- Bennett Co Hospital - Martin
- Mobridge Regional Hospital - Mobridge
- Oyate Health Center - Rapid City
- Prairie Lakes Healthcare System - Watertown

For more information, visit [https://doh.sd.gov/COVID/YourHealth.aspx#treatments](https://doh.sd.gov/COVID/YourHealth.aspx#treatments)

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