## An Option for COVID-19 Positive Patients: Monoclonal Antibody Treatment

~	Understanding Your Risks of COVID-19	<ul> <li>The Center for Disease Control surveillance data reports that individuals over 50 represent only 35% of COVID patients in the US, but unfortunately represent 95% of the deaths.</li> </ul>
	Understanding the Risk of COVID and the FDA EUA	<ul> <li>In consideration of these elevated risks, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) granted an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for the use of monoclonal antibody therapy in "high-risk" patients with COVID-19.</li> <li>High risk is defined as having any of the following: <ul> <li>65 years or older</li> <li>Have a body mass index (BMI) ≥35</li> <li>Have chronic kidney disease</li> <li>Have diabetes</li> <li>Have immunosuppressive disease</li> <li>Are currently receiving immunosuppressive treatment</li> </ul> </li> <li>Are ≥ 55 years of age AND have <ul> <li>Cardiovascular disease, OR</li> <li>High blood pressure, OR</li> <li>COPD, Emphysema, or other lung diseases</li> </ul> </li> <li>Are 12-17 years of age AND have <ul> <li>BMI ≥ 85<sup>th</sup> percentile for their age and gender OR</li> <li>Sickle cell disease OR heart disease OR neurodevelopment disorders OR asthma</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	Understanding Monoclonal Antibody Treatment	<ul> <li>Monoclonal antibody therapy directly neutralizes the virus.</li> <li>In clinical trials, those who received this treatment soon after diagnosis experienced fewer symptoms and hospitalizations</li> <li>It is important to receive the treatment as soon as possible following a positive test result and within 10 days of symptom onset</li> <li>The treatment is a IV therapy administered in an outpatient or hospital setting.</li> <li>It takes about 1 hour to administer, followed by an hour of observation. After, you are sent home, continue isolation</li> </ul>
<u>_</u> -	Ask Your Health Care Professional	<ul> <li>Your Health Care Provider can provide you more information about your treatment options and isolation requirements</li> <li>Most importantly, wear your mask and stay at home and isolate after treatment</li> </ul>