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Press Release

Monoclonal Antibody Treatment Available in Macon County

Monoclonal Antibody Treatment (mAb treatment) is available to Macon County residents through local hospitals (Angel Medical Center and Highlands-Cashiers Hospital). mAb treatment is the process of infusing antibodies to fight against infection in patients that are infected with COVID-19. This treatment may help those who are at high-risk for serious symptoms or having a stay in the hospital. However, not everyone who becomes infected with COVID-19 will be eligible for this treatment, nor is the treatment guaranteed to be effective against developing a serious infection.

To be eligible for the mAb treatment, a person must have tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 10 days, receive a referral from their healthcare provider, and locate an infusion location. A person's healthcare provider will be able to determine whether the person infected with COVID-19 will be a candidate for the treatment. It is important that those infected with COVID-19 communicate with their physician to communicate any new or changing symptoms they experience when they are infected with COVID-19. To locate a site that provides mAb treatment, please visit:

<https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/FindTreatment>.

While mAb treatment may be effective at reducing the severity of a COVID-19 infection in some individuals, the best way to protect yourself from serious COVID-19 infections remains getting a COVID-19 vaccine to prevent infections in the first place. Everyone who is eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine is encouraged to receive the COVID-19 vaccine; a safe and effective prevention tool.

If you believe that you may have COVID-19, please call the Health Department at 828-349-2081 to schedule an appointment for a test. To register and schedule an appointment to receive a COVID-19 vaccine, please call 828-349-2081.

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