



COVID-19 MEDICATIONS

Evusheld

Evusheld is a monoclonal antibody therapy used for pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) against COVID-19. Evusheld can help prevent COVID-19 in people 12 years and older who have conditions that cause moderate to severe weakening of their immune system.

A person's immune system is what fights disease, by using antibodies that it makes. Antibodies are special proteins. Monoclonal antibodies work the same way but are made in a laboratory.

Evusheld monoclonal antibody therapy is given by injection to help prevent COVID-19 in people whose bodies have trouble making antibodies. It is used before someone gets sick, not after.

You may be able to get this medication if:

- Your immune system is weak because of a medical condition or because you are taking medications that make it weaker and you are not expected to build up enough of an immune response to COVID-19 vaccination.

OR

- You have a history of very bad reactions to a COVID-19 vaccine and/or substance of a COVID-19 vaccine, and because of it, you are not recommended to get COVID-19 vaccine.

AND

- You are not currently infected with the virus that causes COVID-19.
- You have not recently been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 (exposure).

For most people, vaccination is recommended as the best way to protect yourself against COVID-19. Evusheld is not a substitute for vaccination in people who are recommended to get the COVID-19 vaccine. You should wait at least two weeks between getting vaccinated for COVID-19 and getting Evusheld.

Most COVID-19 medications are free, but there could be other costs or fees. If you have insurance, provide that information when you get the medication. If you do not have insurance, ask the health care provider or pharmacist about any costs.

Visit [COVID-19 Medication Options \(www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/meds.html\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/meds.html), or talk with your doctor or another health care provider to see if you may be able to use this medication and to find a clinic.

Tell your health care provider if you:

- Are pregnant or plan to become pregnant
- Are breastfeeding
- Are taking any medications
- Have low numbers of blood platelets or a bleeding disorder
- Have any allergies
- Have any serious illnesses, especially heart problems, or are at high risk for heart attack or stroke

For more information, you may call the COVID-19 Public Hotline at 833-431-2053, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, or from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays.

