**Evusheld**

Evusheld is a monoclonal antibody therapy used before a person gets COVID-19. It is given by injection to help prevent COVID-19 in people whose bodies have trouble making antibodies.

A person’s immune system 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 can help prevent COVID-19 in people 12 years and older who have conditions that cause moderate to severe weakening of their immune system.

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 (see below) 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).

Examples of medical conditions and medications that cause a weak immune system:

- Cancer (a solid tumor, or cancer of the blood like leukemia or lymphoma)
- Organ transplants or stem cell transplants (blood cells from the bone marrow)
- Advanced or untreated HIV infection
- High dose steroids or injections for autoimmune diseases (such as Humira or Remicade)
- Genetic disorders of the immune system

These are not all the conditions or medications that can cause a weak immune system. Talk to your doctor if you have questions.

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), 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 breastfeeding, are taking any medications, and about any medical conditions that you have.

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.