

PROMISING PRACTICES FOR PROMOTING UTILIZATION OF COVID-19 MONOCLONAL ANTIBODY TREATMENTS

While standalone **testing sites** are varied in terms of structure and supportive connections to other sites of care, they have a unique position within the patient care pathway that enables them to be a potential educator and referral partners for patients who receive a positive test result and could benefit from COVID-19 monoclonal antibody (mAb) infusion. Here, we outline emerging promising practices, example stakeholder antibody treatment efforts, and shared resources to further support testing sites helping patients access antibody treatments at scale.

CRITICAL STEPS

Streamline the care process

- Timely provision of results to patient and referring provider (if available)
- Mechanism for informing potentially eligible patients about mAb treatment availability, including nearby sites, and assistance with referral if needed

Educate participants in the care process

- Provide patients with [educational material](#) regarding mAb availability, eligibility, referral information, as well as [benefits and risks of infusion](#).
- Provide patients who need it with [transportation](#) to/from infusion site if [transportation assistance](#) programs are available

Expand footprint to increase access

- Collaborate with community primary care providers and infusion centers to assure straightforward path to infusion
- Confirm that referral supports are working – follow up with potentially eligible patients who test positive

Ensure adequate payment

- Limited additional, expected to be covered by testing fees (CMS, private payers could consider additional incentives for rapid referral)

INNOVATIVE EXAMPLES & RESOURCES

Streamline the care process

- Several days can be shaved off the care pathway timeline with the use of rapid diagnostics — a practice [recommended](#) by ASPR for COVID-19 monoclonal antibody treatment pathway. [Maryland](#) is providing rapid antigen tests “to practices willing and able to use these tests to identify and refer patients for monoclonal antibody therapy.”

Educate participants in care process

- The Arkansas Department of Health provides flyers on their website in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#) about monoclonal antibodies for patients with information on eligibility, infusion locations in Arkansas, and antibody vs. vaccines. Similar flyers could be used by testing locations to inform patients seeking testing or those who are confirmed COVID-positive.
- HHS has a [locator tool](#) displaying locations that have received COVID-19 monoclonal antibody allocations.
- Coram, the home infusion arm of CVS, worked with Mass General Brigham to develop [educational leaflets](#) to be distributed at Mass General Brigham testing centers, informing COVID-19 positive patients about antibody infusion.

Expand footprint to increase access

- St. John's Well Child and Family Center, an FQHC in Los Angeles, California, was already running testing sites for their community before requesting an allocation from the federal [Special Projects for Equitable and Efficient Distribution \(SPEED\) program](#), becoming the [first community health center](#) in the U.S. to set up a COVID-19 antibody infusion program.
- If interested in providing COVID-19 antibody infusion, allocation can be obtained through [ASPR's direct order process](#).