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*Product specific supplements to this playbook will also be made available by manufacturers*
Introduction
This playbook is intended to support sites interested in administering COVID-19 treatment under EUA including:

- Existing hospital or community-based infusion centers
- Existing clinical space (e.g. urgent care, emergency depts)
- Ad hoc new infusion sites (e.g. "hospitals without walls")

Initial version of playbook focused on:

- Monoclonal antibody treatment
- Delivery via infusion
- Outpatient setting

This playbook will continue to evolve as other treatments and administration methods become available. We hope this playbook will be used to help healthcare facilities to implement monoclonal antibody treatment in an outpatient setting for those with COVID-19.
Proven **operationally challenging** to run mAbs clinical trials in **outpatient setting** for variety of reasons

Recent press announcements from Eli Lilly indicate **EUA for outpatient setting**

Post EUA likely **high demand from sites** for accessing mAbs for outpatient treatment

**Few sites likely to have experience** with this type of procedure in an outpatient setting with COVID-19 patients

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**Context of mAbs outpatient administration playbook**

**Goal of playbook to articulate what is needed for outpatient administration to potential Tx sites:**

- **Supplies likely required** for administration and potential challenges in procurement
- **Personnel needed** for infusions
- **Space and logistics** needed to safely treat COVID-19 patients and protect others
- **Drug administration** process
- **Reimbursement** process
- **Reporting** process

**Elements currently out of scope**

- Process for site **engagement with state health departments** on ordering or reporting
- **Mechanisms for communication with United States Government** on allocation or distribution

To be addressed in future versions of the playbook
Summary of activities covered in playbook

1. Define facilities and patient visit logistics
   - Define facilities and patient visit logistics
   - Alternate site of care specification and needs

2. Ensure sufficient supplies
   - Site supplies needed: Standard infusion supplies are needed; several components have been difficult to source
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   - Treating patients needs support of...

4. Review drug administration process
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6. Reporting process
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Monoclonal antibodies (mAbs) directly neutralize the COVID-19 virus and are intended to **prevent progression of disease**

mAbs likely to be most effective when **given early in infection**

Product delivered via **single administration** (e.g., IV infusion)

**Early evidence** appears to suggest promise of mAb products in outpatient settings

- Early evidence from Eli Lilly mAb **showed potential to reduce hospitalization** for infected people if given early in infection in BLAZE-1 clinical trial
- Early evidence from Regeneron data **showed potential to reduce viral load compared to placebo** through Day 7 in seronegative patients
Possible patients eligible for treatment

Product granted EUA for mild to moderate COVID-19 cases early in infection, who are at high risk for progressing to severe COVID-19 and/or hospitalization; with following criteria

- Confirmation via positive PCR or antigen test
- Treatment as soon as possible following positive viral test and within 10 days of symptom onset
- Patient symptomatic but not yet progressed to require hospitalization or oxygen therapy

Treatment recommended just for high-risk adult and pediatric patients 12 years and older >40 kgs:

- High-risk defined by a combination of risk factors such as
  - Are ≥ 65 years of age or have a body mass index (BMI) ≥ 35
  - Are 12 – 17 years of age AND have BMI ≥85th percentile for their age and gender based on CDC growth charts

Please reference EUA factsheet for specific treatment guidelines and detailed definitions of high-risk patients

For your awareness (e.g. for patients not eligible for treatment under EUA):

Monoclonal antibodies under evaluation for additional indications

Participation encouraged in clinical trials to assess additional drugs and indications

Clinical trial information available at

Riseabovecovid.org
http://insight-trials.org/

Lilly clinical trials:
https://blaze2study.com/

Regeneron clinical trials:
https://www.regeneron.com/covid19
The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) to permit the emergency use of the unapproved product bamlanivimab for the treatment of mild to moderate coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in adults and pediatric patients with positive results of direct SARS-CoV-2 viral testing who are 12 years of age and older weighing at least 40 kg, and who are at high risk for progressing to severe COVID-19 and/or hospitalization.

**Bamlanivimab is not authorized for use in patients:**
- who are hospitalized due to COVID-19, OR
- who require oxygen therapy due to COVID-19, OR
- who require an increase in baseline oxygen flow rate due to COVID-19 in those on chronic oxygen therapy due to underlying non-COVID-19 related comorbidity

**Benefit of treatment with bamlanivimab has not been observed in patients hospitalized due to COVID-19.** Monoclonal antibodies, such as bamlanivimab, may be associated with worse clinical outcomes when administered to hospitalized patients with COVID-19 requiring high flow oxygen or mechanical ventilation.

Bamlanivimab may only be administered in settings in which health care providers have immediate access to medications to treat a severe infusion reaction, such as anaphylaxis, and the ability to activate the emergency medical system (EMS), as necessary.

For additional information— please reference EUA factsheet
Based on what we have learned to date - early administration of treatment needs fast testing turnaround and patient scheduling

Planning required for "Test and treat" or "Test and refer" models

Overview

- Treatment likely most beneficial to patients if given **early in symptom progression**
- EUA requires administration of **treatment as soon as possible after confirmed positive test result and within 10 days of symptom onset**
- Strong **partnership and communication** between patients and HCP to get right treatment to right patients at right time
- Fast testing turnaround needed, to efficiently identify positive tests and schedule for treatment

Example of timeline which would fulfill EUA requirements

- Onset of symptoms
- Clinical visit and diagnostic test
  - \( \leq 3 \text{ days post symptom onset} \)
- Confirmed positive test
  - \( \leq 2 \text{ days post diagnostic test} \)
- Treatment
  - \( \leq 3 \text{ days post positive test result} \)

- Treatment needed within 10 days of symptom onset
- Testing sites should recommend COVID+ patients that are high risk confer with their HCP on potential suitability for Tx

Please reference EUA factsheet for specific treatment guidelines including recommended treatment window
Key challenges to overcome to allow for successful administration of mAb in outpatient setting

Drug ordering and storage

Pre-treatment

Treatment

Post-treatment

Communication on supply

Out of scope of this playbook

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Key challenges for administration

- Many sites not adequately outfitted to do infusions in outpatient setting (besides hospitals and ERs)
- Existing infusion centers currently treat immune-compromised patients, would need to be clear processes for COVID-19
- Pre-existing infusion centers potentially need to adjust protocols to treat COVID-19-positive patients
- Lengthy infusion process (up to 1 hour infusion followed by 1 hour post-infusion monitoring) needing dedicated space and personnel
- Quick turn-around time for testing needed to diagnose patients within window for treatment

Please reference EUA factsheet for specific treatment guidelines
Comprehensive checklist overview
Plan of action to administer monoclonal antibodies under outpatient EUA

Confirm your site wants to participate

- Review needs for treatment in outpatient settings
- Ensure site prepared to meet needs for treatment or willing to make required investments
- Confirm site leadership supportive of participation
  - Including senior clinical leadership (e.g., Chief Medical Officer)
- Approval of product for use by the hospital’s Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee (or equivalent committee)

Prepare your site and staff for outpatient mAbs administration

- Ensure sufficient supply of needed materials for treatment
  - Infusion supplies, resuscitation equipment, etc
- Develop staffing and personnel plan to support treatment
- Allocate needed facilities and equipment to support administration
- Ensure existing infection prevention plan sufficient
  - Adjust existing plan if needed to safely manage patient flow
  - Consider potential security requirements if needed
- Review drug administration needs with staff
- Inquire with hospital leadership about reimbursement process
- Prepare for adverse events data tracking process

Develop procedures to identify and treat patients in timely manner

- Prepare for scheduling and routing of referrals from testing center or other HCPs to treatment
- Ensure hospital staff and doctors aware of outpatient treatment availability
- Ensure patient privacy (HIPAA compliant) maintained during process
- Communicate to patient that EUA issued for investigational treatment but does not constitute research on behalf of the hospital
Readiness checklist: Administration of outpatient mAbs under EUA

Allocate **dedicated space** and develop plan to **manage patient flow**
- Clear process for patients that are coming to clinical site including scheduling requirements
- Admission process for COVID-19 positive patients designed to minimize risk of spread per facility requirements / directions / guidelines’
- Dedicated room available for treatment

Ensure **dedicated source of supplies**; which may be difficult to procure
- Needed infusion components obtained
  - Example: IV kits, infusion chair, IV pole, vital sign monitoring equipment, emergency medications

Assign **sufficient personnel** to meet expected demand
- Sufficient staffing plans in place for Nurse/IV tech, Physician, Pharmacist
  - Likely need dedicated team to treat patients

Prepare for **drug administration** process
- Pre-visit: Clear treatment and monitoring plan developed for during infusion
- Treatment: 1-hour treatment and 1-hour post-treatment observation
  - Emergency protocol defined for addressing potential infusion reactions or complications
- Post-treatment: Clear process for patient follow-up defined using telemedicine as possible

Ensure **process for reimbursement** in place (non-drug administrative costs)

Prepare for **reporting needs** for adverse events and record keeping
Activity 1: Define facilities and patient visit logistics
Site will need dedicated outpatient COVID-19 treatment space

Dedicated COVID-19 patient area with needed infusion supplies
- Some sites using COVID-19 waiting rooms for monitoring post infusion
- Rededication of existing clinical space acceptable under CMS Hospital Without Walls Initiative

Immediate access to medications to treat a severe infusion reaction, such as anaphylaxis, and the ability to activate the EMS, as necessary

Select recommendations for outpatient setting, for more information reference CDC guidelines
Alternate site of care allowances and needs

As part of **CMS Hospital Without Walls initiative**, hospitals can provide services outside of standard hospital settings

- **Other healthcare facilities** (e.g., urgent care clinics, doctors’ offices etc)
- **Remote locations or sites** not normally considered healthcare facilities, (e.g., patient home via telemedicine, hotels, community site, temporary tents)
- **Nursing home or home health services** also likely to be acceptable sites of administration

Alternate site of care will need **same core capabilities and supplies** as typical site of administration

- Facility and patient flow needs (page 15 and 17)
- Supplies needed on site (e.g., rescue medication, infusion supplies, etc – page 23)

**Please reference CMS Hospitals Without Walls waivers and guidance for detailed information about program**
Important to manage patient flow in a healthcare setting

- Have patient **wait to enter the site** until pre-scheduled time for treatment
- Ensure patient **wearing a mask or face covering** before entering the building
- Escort patient **directly to room, limit transport and movement of the patient outside of the room**
- Keep the **door closed** while patient in infusion room
- Medical and support personnel entering room need to **wear sufficient PPE** based on CDC guidelines
- Room should undergo **appropriate cleaning and surface disinfection** before it is returned to routine use

Infusion preparation process:
- Prepare sterile infusions in a manner consistent with local laws, regulations, guidelines and policies
- Obtain new vial(s) and/or IV bags if the drug product contains any visible particulate matter

Needs for space to prepare mAb drug:
- Dedicated preparation area with sufficient capacity onsite or nearby

Acceptable equipment for mAb drug storage:
- Functional pharmacy sink
- Refrigerated storage (2-8° C)
- Temperature monitoring system with back-up
- Alarm system for notification to authorized personnel of temperature deviations/excursions in place

Please see EUA manufacturer fact sheet for drug-specific requirements
Outpatient monoclonal antibody product likely to need administration early in symptom progression
- Treatment should be administered as soon as possible following positive test result, and within 10 days of symptom onset

Fast turn-around testing capabilities key to identify patients and treat within this window
- On-site point-of-care rapid testing or PCR tests ideal to provide quick diagnosis and treat patients on the same day
- Alternatives include partnership with off-site testing facility nearby with reliable and quick turnaround and robust patient tracking and reporting mechanism
  - Accelerated testing results turnaround likely recommended to allow for infusion early in disease progression

Please reference EUA factsheet for detailed treatment guidelines including recommended treatment window
Product distribution and shipping information

- Product will be allocated equitably to each state and territory by the Federal Government.
- Product will be allocated to individual sites each week by your State or Territory Health Authority.
  - Sites that would like to be considered for product allocation should contact their State or Territory Health Authority.
- Once supply adequate to meet demand, site of care to order product as needed via AmerisourceBergen.

- AmerisourceBergen will proactively contact sites of care that have received State or Territory Health Department allocations to confirm acceptance of the allocation.
- Product will be shipped refrigerated (2-8°C) to your location by AmerisourceBergen.

Manufacturer

National distributor

Government

Site

Federal and State government

Amerisource Bergen

Manufacturer plant

Manufacturer warehouse

Site of care

Patient
Product will be shipped refrigerated (2-8° C) to your location by USG distribution partners.

Product should be stored refrigerated (2-8° C) before use.

Target shelf-life for product ~10 months at minimum, follow guidance from manufacturer on expiration dates and product turnover.

Prepared IV solutions are intended for immediate patient administration. If not used immediately:

- Solutions may be held at refrigerated conditions for example no more than 24 hours
- Solutions may be held at ambient light and room temperature conditions for example no more than 7 hours
  - Hold time includes preparation, solution hold, infusion and flush

Please adhere to all guidelines for storage and use provided by manufacturer of EUA product.
Activity 2: Ensure sufficient supplies
Site supplies needed: Standard infusion supplies are needed but several components have been difficult to source

Sites interested in providing outpatient infusions of mAbs to COVID+ patients should:

1. Confirm sufficient supplies of infusion materials
2. Proactively ensure items with long-lead times are sourced for your site

Ensure supplies sufficient to cover mAbs treatment in addition to day-to-day operations needs

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<td>- Infusion chairs – recommended only</td>
<td>- Infusion Reaction Kit</td>
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<td>- IV pole</td>
<td>- Vital signs equipment</td>
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<td>- IV administration sets</td>
<td>- Crash cart or Emergency Medical Management Equipment and Backboard</td>
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<td>- NIOSH-certified, disposable N95 filter facepiece respirators or better</td>
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List of suggested supplies (not exhaustive)

Please reference EUA factsheet for final requirements
Activity 3: Develop plan for staffing and personnel
Treating patients needs support of...

**HCP**

Prescribe monoclonal antibody to patient, answer questions and respond in case of emergency
- Infectious disease or general HCP
- HCP will need to be on site for treatment
- At least 1 HCP should have Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS) certification or Basic Life Support (BLS) certification or equivalent; based on state and healthcare facility regulations and policies

**Pharmacist**

Prepare the infusion, answer questions and support with monoclonal antibody storage
- Pharmacy does not need to be physically located at the site of infusion

**Nurses**

Administer patient infusion (up to 1 hr) and monitor patient wellbeing (1 hr)
- May require 2 nurses to start infusion, nurse practitioner to oversee larger infusion unit (if needed)
- Experienced phlebotomist needed as often difficult to find vein in patients (often high BMI and dehydrated)

Please reference EUA factsheet for specific treatment guidelines
## Needed roles and responsibilities for site

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<td>Drug preparation</td>
<td>Pharmacist or pharmacy technician trained in IV preparation</td>
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<td>Infusion: Start IV</td>
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Activity 4: Review drug administration process
Three potential treatment pathways for symptomatic COVID-19 patients to receive care

**Scenario 1**

*Patient tested positive and referred to site*

- Patient-tested
- Treatment discussed
- Sent home to await results
- If positive, proactive outreach to patients and treatment scheduled for infusion as soon as possible following result

**Scenario 2**

*Patient arrives for testing at site with unknown diagnosis*

- Point-of-care testing performed
- Patient awaits results onsite
- Treatment scheduled for same day infusion

- Patient counseled and assents to treatment (if not completed earlier in process), then treated via infusion
- Patient completes monitoring and leaves the facility, telemedicine follow-up

**Scenario 3**

*Patient arrives for testing at site with unknown diagnosis*

- Patient tested, treatment discussed, sent home to await results
- If positive, proactive outreach to patients and treatment scheduled for infusion as soon as possible following result

- Treatment needed as soon as possible following positive test result and ≤10 days from onset of symptoms

Please reference EUA factsheet for exact treatment window
## Patient flow for outpatient mAbs product

### Scenario 1: Confirmed positive patient referred for treatment

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| Confirm documentation of COVID-19 infection via either  
  - Participant-provided lab report  
  - Medical record lab report  
  - Direct communication from a provider or laboratory  | Pre-book time for infusion space and follow clear protocol for coming onsite  
  - Ensure operationally ready to receive and treat the patient  
  - Use CDC recommended practices to minimize exposure to others  | Discharge patient immediately following monitoring completion  
  - Follow clear protocol to minimize risk of exposure to others  
  **Post-treatment care encouraged to be via telemedicine as possible**  
  - Normal follow-up care, no special data tracking requirements  |
| Discuss treatment with patient  
  - Ensure patient meets treatment requirements and understands risks  | **Provide treatment to patient**  
  - Infusion duration up to 1 hr with an additional 1 hr of observation post infusion (checks during infusion and observation)  
  - Infusion pumps or gravity-based infusion acceptable  
  - Ensure adequate staffing  |  |
| Schedule the patient to come in for treatment ASAP  
  - Provide guidance on site visit protocols to patients  
  - Provide patient education on what to expect with infusions  | **Ensure preparation for infusion reactions as unlikely but possible side effect**  
  - Infusion rate may be reduced based on patient circumstances  
  - Ensure emergency action plan in place; ability to activate EMS if necessary, a requirement for administration under EUA  |  |

**Pre-treatment steps should be completed via telemedicine as possible (~30 mins)**
Patient flow for outpatient mAbs product

Scenario 2 and 3: Patient arrives for testing at site with unknown diagnosis

Same process as Scenario 1

### Pre-treatment

Direct patient to typical testing process for site (onsite or offsite)
- Quick response testing needed for early diagnosis to enable early treatment

Assuming patient discharged to await test results, once patient confirmed positive outreach on treatment (~30 mins):
- Discuss treatment with patient
  - Ensure patient meets treatment requirements and understands risks
  - Provide guidance on infusions and site visit protocols to patients
- Schedule the patient to come in for treatment ASAP
- Pre-treatment discussion and scheduling should be via telemedicine as possible

In case of point-of-care rapid testing, consider same-day infusions. Needs
- Isolated location for patient to wait
- Availability of infusion space and staff

### Treatment

Pre-book time for infusion space and follow clear protocol for coming onsite
- Ensure operationally ready to receive and treat the patient
- Use CDC recommended practices to minimize exposure to others

Provide treatment to patient
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### Post-treatment

Discharge patient immediately following monitoring completion
- Follow clear protocol to minimize risk of exposure to others

Post-treatment care encouraged to be via telemedicine as possible
- Normal follow-up care, no special data tracking requirements
Activity 5: Prepare for reimbursement and ordering
Reimbursement process for mAbs therapeutic under EUA

Connect with state or territory health authority on appropriate ordering procedures to receive mAbs product

Under initial phase of treatment (likely through 2020), **drug cost likely to be paid by US government** under advanced purchase agreements

**Confirm internally with your site** administration on reimbursement for **non-drug costs** (e.g., infusion services, pharmacy)

Please **reference CMS resources** for more information

- **Provider toolkit:** [https://www.cms.gov/covidvax](https://www.cms.gov/covidvax)
Activity 6: Reporting process
Reporting needs

Sites receiving monoclonal antibody will follow established mechanisms for tracking and reporting **serious adverse events**

- Events that are potentially attributable to monoclonal antibody use must be reported to the FDA
  - Refer to the Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers as part of EUA for guidance
  - Complete and submit a MedWatch form or complete and fax FDA Form 3500 to report

Site must **maintain records** regarding use of the monoclonal antibody by patients

- **Inventory information**: e.g., lot numbers, quantity, receiving site, receipt date, product storage
- **Patient information**: e.g., patient name, age, disease manifestation, number of doses administered per patient, other drugs administered

USG will track product delivery through the commercial distributor and CMS systems

Ensure that any records associated with this EUA are **maintained for inspection** upon request
Thank you!