**TIPS FOR TALKING TO YOUR PATIENTS ABOUT EARLY TREATMENT FOR COVID-19**

Your patients trust you for information. Help them understand early treatment for COVID-19 can be life-saving.

Treatment is available at no cost, regardless of health insurance or immigration status. Call (619) 685-2500 to reach:
- MARC at Vista Community Clinic, Vista
- MARC at Clairemont Friendship Center, Clairemont
- Family Health Centers of San Diego, Hillcrest
- MARC at San Ysidro Health, Chula Vista

**ANSWER PATIENTS’ QUESTIONS**

Listen and respond to their questions. Your willingness to listen plays a major role in building trust in your referral. Provide information in a way patients can understand.

**Is this needed if I am not that sick?**
Treatment should begin as soon as possible and before symptoms get worse to help prevent you from needing hospitalization.

**Why have I been referred for this treatment?**
Because you have mild to moderate symptoms of COVID-19 that appeared within the last 5 or 7 days (depending on treatment option) AND are at high risk of getting very sick or being admitted to the hospital.

**What can I expect from treatment?**
Treatment consists of an outpatient visit to administer monoclonal antibodies through an IV infusion. Oral antiviral medications are also available. Medical staff will observe you after administering the medication to ensure you do not have any side effects before you are released to go home.

**What is the cost?**
Treatment is available at no cost to the individual, regardless of health insurance or immigration status.

**Be knowledgeable about the treatment**
- The monoclonal antibody Bebtelovimab has been authorized for emergency use by the FDA to treat mild to moderate COVID-19 in medically eligible patients. The oral antivirals Paxlovid and molnupiravir have also received EUA approval.
- In clinical trials, treatment has been shown to reduce COVID-19-related emergency room visits, hospitalizations, and death.

**Make a strong recommendation**
- Health professionals are encouraged to make strong recommendations for medically eligible patients.
  - Bebtelovimab Factsheet for Patients, Parents and Caregivers (Spanish)
  - Bebtelovimab Informational Sheet Summary
  - Paxlovid Factsheet for Patients, Parents, and Caregivers (Spanish)
  - Paxlovid Informational Sheet Summary
- “I highly recommend…"
- “This treatment is especially important because of your [risk]…”
- Call (619) 685-2500 or email COVIDTreatment@sdcounty.ca.gov.

For more information, visit Outpatient Therapies for COVID-19 at [www.sandiegocounty.gov/COVIDHealthProfessionals](http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/COVIDHealthProfessionals)