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Salem Regional Medical Center Offers New COVID-19 Combination Antibody Therapies

(SALEM, OHIO) – May 13, 2021 – A new treatment is available at Salem Regional Medical Center (SRMC) for individuals diagnosed with COVID-19 to help reduce the risk of developing severe disease, hospitalization and death. The treatment is combination monoclonal antibody infusion, and is administered through an outpatient IV infusion to patients with mild to moderate symptoms of COVID-19 who are at high risk of developing severe symptoms or hospitalization from the virus.

What is Antibody Therapy? Monoclonal antibodies are proteins that mimic the immune system’s ability to fight off the virus.

Who is eligible for monoclonal antibody therapy? Monoclonal antibodies may help people who:

- Have a positive COVID-19 test, and had symptoms for 10 days or less, and
- Are at high risk of getting more serious symptoms

The treatment is not authorized for patients who are already hospitalized with COVID-19 or who require oxygen due to the virus

How do I know if I am at high risk? You are eligible to be treated with monoclonal antibodies at SRMC if you are:

- 65 years of age and older
- 55 years or older with
 - a) Heart disease, or
 - b) High blood pressure, or
 - c) COPD/chronic respiratory disease, including asthma
- Other qualifying conditions include:
 - a) Weakened immune system due to a disease or medication
 - b) Obesity (a body mass index of 35 or higher)
 - c) Diabetes, type 1 or 2
 - d) Chronic kidney disease

For More Information: People who have been recently diagnosed with COVID-19 and think they are at high risk and eligible for antibody therapy should talk to their physician as soon as possible after receiving a positive COVID-19 test result. A physician referral is needed in order to receive antibody therapy at Salem Regional Medical Center.

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