

# San Bernardino County COVID-19 Therapeutics Update

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## IMPORTANT MESSAGE

The Omicron Variant is now the predominant strain of COVID - 19 across the U.S. At this time Sotrovimab and the Oral Antivirals are expected to retain activity against the Omicron variant. Per San Bernardino County's Public Health Officer, areas where Omicron is less frequent or there is limited supply of alternative treatment options, facilities can continue to utilize other Monoclonal Treatments such as Bam/Ete and REGEN-COV. However, Sotrovimab would be the most effective course of treatment if available.

## COVID-19 THERAPEUTIC TREATMENT UPDATE

Additional methods for treatment of COVID-19 have become available. The following therapeutics have been approved for Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). **Please note, it is imperative to familiarize yourself with the most up-to-date EUA Fact Sheets that pertain to all therapeutics.**

- [Paxlovid EUA](#) – Oral Antiviral
- [Molnupiravir EUA](#) – Oral Antiviral
- [Evusheld EUA](#) – Monoclonal Antibody/Pre-exposure Prophylaxis
- [Sotrovimab EUA](#) – Monoclonal Antibody
- [Bamlanivimab and etesevimab EUA](#) – Monoclonal Antibody  
*\*Potential pause of allocations forthcoming\**
- [REGEN-COV EUA](#) – Monoclonal Antibody  
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COVID-19 therapeutics are currently in limited supply. If your facility has not been contacted about any of the new therapeutics, you can fill out the interest form [here](#). **Please be advised that requests are not guaranteed.** We will continue to update you as more information is released.

## EFFICACY OF MONOCLONAL TREATMENTS AGAINST OMICRON (B.1.1.529)

As of Friday, December 31, 2021, the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) have continued the allocation of Casirivimab with Imdevimab (REGEN-COV) and Bamlanivimab used with Etesevimab (BAM/ETE). Providers should be aware that Sotrovimab and the Oral Antivirals are expected to be the most effective treatments against SARS-CoV-2 B.1.1.529 lineage (Omicron). Per the US Department of Health and Human Services guidelines, in areas where the Delta Variant and other variants of concern represent a significant number of new cases Casirivimab with Imdevimab (REGEN-COV) and Bamlanivimab used with Etesevimab (BAM/ETE) can be offered, with the understanding that these treatments are ineffective against Omicron.

**There will potentially be another pause from the FDA of Casirivimab with Imdevimab (REGEN-COV) and Bamlanivimab used with Etesevimab (BAM/ETE), but there has been no confirmation as of yet.**



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For the full Monoclonal Antibody Therapeutic update, please visit: [Updated Guidelines from U.S. Department of Health and Human Services](#)

## NEW REQUEST CYCLES MAB TREATMENTS

Beginning January 2022 Monoclonal Antibodies Treatments (mAb) will be allocated on a *weekly cycle*.

Antiviral medications, Paxlovid and Molnupiravir, will be allocated on a *biweekly cycle*.

### What does this mean for you?

- With the addition new therapeutics, we created a **new ordering form** to capture all of your requests. Please review the form carefully as some of the questions have changed. Use the following link to place your requests for ALL therapeutics:
  - [Therapeutics Treatment Request Form](#)
- Every week, requests will be submitted through this sheet for direct shipments **ONLY**. Pick-up requests at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center will only be available for urgent needs.
- At this time, select federal retail pharmacies and providers were allocated Paxlovid and Molnupiravir. Follow the link below for a list of all pharmacies that have received these products.
  - [HHS Public Therapeutic Locator](#)
  - [CDPH Antiviral Providers](#)