



# Long-Acting Monoclonal Antibodies

## Q: What are long-acting monoclonal antibodies (mAbs)?

Long-acting monoclonal antibodies are a new class of medicines to protect people from COVID-19 infection. They help prevent infection before a person is exposed.

## Q: Why long-acting mAbs?

For most of us, COVID-19 vaccine helps protect against COVID-19 infection and serious disease. Some people, though, have conditions that limit their immune response to the vaccine. Others have severe allergies to ingredients in the vaccine, or other medical reasons they can't receive it. Long-acting mAbs, such as the newly released **Evusheld**, are intended for those with these underlying conditions who still need protection from COVID-19 infection.

## Q: How are long-acting mAbs given?

This medicine is given as an injection. It can be used by adults and children who weigh at least 88 pounds (40 kg) and who have conditions that make vaccine less effective.

## Q: Are long-acting mAbs available now?

At first, the supply will be very limited. This medicine will only be used for people with severe immune deficiency. When the supply increases, it could be used by others with less immune deficiency and people who have medical reasons they should not receive COVID-19 vaccine.

For more information about these medicines, see [patient fact sheet](#).

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