



## PHG Update: December 3

Dear Valued Providers

We want to provide updated information in **red** below regarding the new antibody therapy for COVID-19 patients. **A referral from a healthcare provider is required.** Eligible patients must have just received their first positive result for the virus, with the onset of symptoms within the past seven days. As a result, the window of opportunity to be treated with Bamlanivimab is limited, as the body generally has begun generating its own antibodies after several days of symptoms, rendering the drug less effective.

Please feel free to contact us directly at **(937) 499-7441** if you have any questions

Yours sincerely,

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## COVID Positive Test Results

**COVID Positive results will no longer be called to ordering providers.** Effective **Wednesday December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020** COVID positive results will no longer be considered a critical value on CompuNet's Critical value table. Therefore, CompuNet will no longer be calling ordering providers with these results. These results will still be delivered in the manner you receive patient results now ex. EMR, Atlas, fax etc.

Please contact your CompuNet Account Manager should you have any concerns or CompuNet Client Services at 937-297-8260.

### Your Feedback is Important

We value your input and feedback and want to ensure the Premier Health Group provider brief is beneficial to you. **Please, take a few minutes to fill out a short 3 question survey.** [Start the survey now.](#)

### COVID/Flu Testing Sites

We want to ensure patients obtain their COVID/flu test as timely as possible. For this to occur, please be sure your patient has a **provider's order and schedules an appointment online** at the testing location of their choice. The only collection site patients may arrive without an appointment is the OnMain location (formerly Montgomery County Fairgrounds), located on Main St. across from Miami Valley Hospital. [Click here to view the flier that contains the eleven-collection sites.](#)



## Primary Care Workflow for the Evaluation of Bamlanivimab

Bamlanivimab is a monoclonal antibody for the outpatient treatment of COVID-19. While the safety and effectiveness of this investigational therapy continues to be evaluated, Bamlanivimab has been shown in clinical trials to reduce COVID-19-related hospitalization or emergency room visits in patients at high risk for disease progression within 28 days after treatment. Earlier this month, Bamlanivimab was approved by the FDA for emergency use authorization for administration to outpatients with mild to moderate cases of COVID-19. **A referral from a healthcare provider is required.**

- You must confirm that this is the patient's first positive result for SARS-CoV-2 virus.
  - Patient must also:
    - have had onset of symptoms within past 7 days
    - This must be the patient's first positive result for SARS-CoV-2 virus
    - Weigh at least 40 kg
    - Not received prior dose of Bamlanivimab
    - Meet additional criteria related to age or comorbidities to receive the therapy (listed below if needed)
  - Three-part attestation must be completed. Document the following in the patient's medical record:
    - The fact sheet for patients was given to the patient or caregiver. [Click here to view the fact sheet.](#)
    - The patient was informed of alternatives to receiving authorized Bamlanivimab
    - Bamlanivimab is an unapproved drug that is authorized for use under this emergency use authorization.
  - Severe adverse reactions must be reported to the FDA within 7 days. Reporting details will be forthcoming.
  - **WHEN:** Go-live is **Wednesday, Dec. 2**
  - **WHERE:** This will be offered initially at three locations
    - Atrium Medical Center Infusion Center
    - Upper Valley Medical Center Infusion Center
    - Premier Health Urgent Care in Huber Heights
  - **HOW:** Orders can be received by fax to **937-223-9837**. [Click here to complete the order.](#) **Please bookmark this page so you can easily access the order.**
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To be treated with Bamlanivimab, at least one of the following must be present:

- \_\_\_ Greater than or equal to 65 years of age
- \_\_\_ Body Mass Index (BMI) greater than or equal to 35
- \_\_\_ Chronic Kidney Disease (Stage IV or greater)
- \_\_\_ Diabetes with A1C  $\geq$  8 or random blood sugar  $>$  300 mg/dL
- \_\_\_ Immunosuppressive Condition (solid organ transplant, ESRD or ESLD, advanced HIV, active chemotherapy, chronic high dose steroids ( $>$ 30mg prednisone for  $>$ 30 days), use of biologic agents for treatment of underlying diseases (i.e. TNF alpha inhibitor for RA or Crohn's)

**OR**

Are greater than or equal to 55 years of age with one or more of the following:

- \_\_\_ Cardiovascular disease other than hypertension
- \_\_\_ Currently receiving treatment with medication for hypertension
- \_\_\_ Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, Interstitial Lung Disease, Cystic Fibrosis, or Pulmonary Fibrosis



### Use of Fans During Pandemic

Did you know the World Health Organization counsels that fans should be avoided whenever possible unless individuals near you are part of your household? Air circulating around an infected person that encounters another individual in closed spaces might increase transmission of the virus.

If use of fans is necessary in your work area due to excessive heat, etc., it's recommended to ensure that individuals are not directly downwind from fan-blown air that has already made contact with another person. This same consideration should also apply when using space heaters with fan blowers.

It's always a good idea, when possible, to open windows to encourage air circulation and minimize fan-blown air coming in contact with multiple people.