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Omicron strains monoclonal antibody supply

WADENA, Minn. – Jan. 06, 2022 – The Omicron variant overtaking Delta as the dominant strain of COVID-19 has caused several issues with monoclonal antibody therapy (mAb). The Omicron variant and its mutations make most treatments ineffective. Sotrovimab is effective against the Omicron variant but supply is currently very limited.

Tri-County Health Care offers Sotrovimab infusions but there is a limited supply. Also, an eligibility system is in place, as directed by the State of Minnesota. Tri-County Health Care strongly encourages eligible people to get vaccinated. Monoclonal antibody therapy should not and cannot replace vaccination for reducing severe infection.

If infected, the best time to explore mAb therapy is early on in the progression of COVID-19 symptoms. It's recommended that mAb therapy be administered within ten days of initial symptoms, but ideally within five to seven days after initial symptoms.

Sotrovimab is given as a one-hour infusion. Patients are typically monitored for another hour as a precaution in case there are any allergic reactions.

To learn more about COVID-19 and vaccination, please visit tchc.org/covid19.

ABOUT TRI-COUNTY HEALTH CARE

Tri-County Health Care is a private, not-for-profit health care system based in Wadena, Minnesota. It offers care services such as primary health, surgery, cancer care, diagnostic imaging, obstetrics, orthopedics and rehabilitation. Tri-County Health Care operates a hospital and medical clinic in Wadena, and serves the counties of Wadena, Todd and Otter Tail through five satellite clinics and two physical therapy clinics in Bertha, Henning, Ottertail, Sebeka and Verndale. Visit TCHC.org.

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