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COVID-19: MIDLAND HEALTH OFFERS THE PUBLIC ABILITY TO SUBMIT INQUIRY FOR COVID-19 TREATMENT

Midland Health has developed an online form for the general public to inquire about receiving the Bamlanimivimab treatment. This is an experimental antibody treatment that could help prevent hospitalization in high-risk patients.

Patients must meet criteria from each of the following areas:

- Patients must have a positive COVID test less than 72 hours old AND symptoms cannot have been present more than four (4) days (cannot be asymptomatic).
- Patients must ALSO have one of the following: Obesity (BMI>35), chronic kidney disease, diabetes, immunosuppressive disease or be receiving immunosuppressive treatments. Patients older than 65 qualify if they also have cardiovascular disease, hypertension, or a chronic respiratory disease, such as COPD.
- This treatment is available to outpatients only; hospitalized patients do not meet criteria. Also, patients who require increased oxygen support since being diagnosed with COVID-19 do not meet criteria.

If you believe you meet the criteria, please complete the form at

midlandhealth.org/MAIS. Upon receipt and review of the form, a Midland Health employee will follow up on the inquiry.

If the criteria is met an appointment will be scheduled regardless of the ability to pay. If available, insurance information will be collected but no out-of-pocket fees will be required for anyone.

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