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Dear El Paso Citizen,

We are sorry you tested positive for the virus which causes COVID-19. By getting tested, you now have valuable information which can help you protect others from getting infected and help your medical provider recommend the most appropriate treatment to help you get better. Please review the recommendations for isolation to prevent the spread of the virus to your family, friends, and co-workers.

We want you to know that you may qualify for a relatively new treatment for COVID-19 through a community-based treatment program. Bamlanivimab, is a medication consisting of antibodies specifically formulated to combat the COVID-19 virus. This medication from the company Ely Lilly, received FDA emergency use authorization last year. This medication is indicated only for some patients with COVID-19 and may help them feel better sooner and avoid complications resulting in a need to go to the hospital. Bamlanivimab is for patients well enough to stay at home and who do not need to be in the hospital. The medication is given intravenously over an hour through a catheter temporarily placed in your vein. This is followed by an hour of observation to ensure you do not have a reaction to the medication.

Who is this treatment recommended for? Bamlanivimab is recommended for patients who meet certain criteria. It is for individuals 65 years old and over who have a preexisting medical condition such as obesity (BMI more than 35), chronic kidney disease, diabetes, or autoimmune disease. Additionally, younger patients are also eligible if they also have medical conditions such as the ones mentioned above or have cardiovascular disease, hypertension or pulmonary conditions such as COPD. It is important to note that some adolescents age 12-17 may also qualify. Most patients with COVID-19 who are otherwise younger and healthy, do not need this medication or treatment.

What if I might qualify? Please contact your healthcare provider to discuss if it is appropriate for you to receive this treatment.



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Where is the treatment given? The treatment is being given at The Hospitals of Providence-Memorial (THOP). For children that meet the criteria, they may be infused at either THOP-Memorial or the El Paso Children's Hospital. You **MUST** have an appointment for treatment, If you are eligible to receive the treatment, a referral will be sent to Border RAC and they will reach out to you to schedule an appointment. Same day and next day appointments are available.

How soon can I receive the treatment? The timing to receive this treatment is extremely important. The earlier you receive the medication, the better the results. Appointments are available 7 days a week from 8 am to 5 pm. Please speak with your healthcare provider about COVID-19 treatment options, to see if you might qualify to receive the Bamlanivimab infusion. Also please observe the recommended isolation period because that is the best way to slow down the pandemic and to keep everyone safe and healthy.

Please note, infusions will transition to include both Bamlanivimab and Etesevimab

We wish you a speedy recovery from COVID-19!
Sincerely,

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