

Letter to Transplant Recipients Regarding Evusheld

July 15, 2022

Dear Recipient:

We are writing to you to inform you that you are eligible for a medication that may help in the prevention of COVID-19 infection. Evusheld is a combination of two antibodies that attach themselves to the COVID-19 virus and stop it from entering the cells in your body. This may help lower your chance of getting sick from COVID-19. **Evusheld is NOT a treatment for COVID-19 and it is NOT a substitute for COVID-19 vaccines.**

The first line of defense against COVID-19 continues to be vaccination. We strongly recommend that all transplant recipients get their COVID-19 vaccine and booster doses as you become eligible for them. If you receive Evusheld, you must wait 3 months before you can get a COVID-19 vaccine. However, you can receive Evusheld 2 weeks after your vaccine shot. Therefore, it is very important that you get your vaccine first if able. All recipients are eligible for 4 doses of a COVID-19 vaccine and fifth doses are available for recipients 60 years of age or older.

Evusheld is being given through a special Evusheld Clinic at LHSC (located in the Transplant Clinic). An appointment is required. Evusheld is given as two shots into each side of your upper buttocks. Please see the included information for patients on Evusheld from Ontario Health.

If you are interested in receiving this medication, please contact (either by phone or email) your transplant team/clinic. Your transplant physician will discuss the benefits, potential side effects and effectiveness of Evusheld with you and if appropriate will arrange for you to receive it at LHSC. For those who are not able to come to LHSC for treatment, we may be able to arrange for it to be administered locally (there are limited clinics in Ontario).

Kidney Recipients: kidneytransplantclinic@lhsc.on.ca ; 519-663-3346

Heart Recipients: heartfailureservice@lhsc.on.ca ; 519-685-8500 ext 35054

Liver Recipients: livertransplantclinic@lhsc.on.ca ; 519-663-3818

Kidney/Pancreas or Pancreas Recipients: Contact your surgeon's office

If you have already received Evusheld or informed your team that you are not interested, please disregard this letter.

Sincerely,

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