

What you need to know about Evusheld:

For people 12 years old and up

What is Evusheld and how does it work?

Evusheld is a drug that may help prevent you from getting sick from COVID-19.

Evusheld is a monoclonal antibody drug. Monoclonal antibodies attach themselves to the COVID-19 virus and stop it from entering the cells in your body. This may lower your chance of getting sick from COVID-19.

Protection from Evusheld lasts for at least 6 months.

Evusheld is:

- **Not a treatment for COVID-19** or to prevent symptoms if you test positive
- **Not a substitute for getting COVID-19 vaccines** for people who are able to get vaccinated

Get all doses of the COVID-19 vaccine that you are eligible for.

Who is Evusheld for?

Evusheld is given to people who:

- may not get enough protection from COVID-19 vaccines alone; and
- are at risk of getting very sick from COVID-19

Evusheld may be given to the following groups of people in Ontario.

People who have had recent:

- Solid organ transplants (lung, heart, kidney, etc.)
- Stem cell transplants
- CAR-T cell therapy
- Treatment for blood cancer such as leukemia

Evusheld may work better for some of the above groups of people than others. Talk to your health care team to see if Evusheld is right for you.

How is Evusheld given?

Evusheld is given as two shots (needles). The shots go into the side of each of your upper buttocks.



What are possible side effects from Evusheld?

Not many side effects have been reported by people who have gotten Evusheld.

While most people do not get side effects, the most common side effects from Evusheld are:

- Pain, redness, itching, or swelling where the needle was given
- An itchy red rash or raised bumps
- Headache
- Chills
- Redness, discomfort or soreness near where the needle was given

If side effects are bothersome and last for more than 2-3 days, speak to your health care team.

Allergic reactions

Allergic reactions to Evusheld are not common but they are possible. You may be asked to wait for 15 minutes after getting your Evusheld injections to watch for reactions.

Get medical help right away if you notice any signs of serious allergic reaction during or after getting your Evusheld shots, including:

- difficulty breathing or swallowing
- swelling of the face, lips, tongue, or throat
- severe itching of the skin, with a red rash or raised bumps

Talk to your health care team for more information about Evusheld.

Heart problems

If you have a heart condition, talk to your health care team about whether Evusheld is right for you.

In studies, people who got Evusheld reported more heart problems than people who did not get Evusheld. However, the researchers think that the heart problems were caused by medical conditions the patients already had. They do not think that Evusheld caused the patients to have heart problems.

Does Evusheld interact with other medications?

Based on what is known right now, it is unlikely that Evusheld will interact with other drugs and cause problems.

Are there times when I should wait to get Evusheld?

There are times when some people should wait to get Evusheld:

- **If you have recently gotten a COVID-19 vaccine**, you should wait 2 weeks before getting Evusheld.
- **If you currently have COVID-19 or have symptoms of COVID-19**, you should wait until after you recover to get Evusheld. Talk to your health care team about when to get Evusheld.
- **If you have already had COVID-19**, talk to your health care team about the best time to get Evusheld. You may need to wait for a period of time before taking Evusheld.

You can still get Evusheld even if you have already had COVID-19, because it is possible to get the virus again.

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