



BCFS Health and Human Services EMD operating infusion center for COVID-19 patients

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, UNITED STATES, March 18, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- BCFS Health and Human Services Emergency Management Division (EMD), under the authority of the Texas Department of State Health Services, is operating a Regional Infusion Center at the Freeman Coliseum in San Antonio to provide COVID-19 positive individuals with monoclonal antibody therapeutics, by appointment.

The antibody therapeutic is administered through intravenous infusion and has been proven to be effective in preventing disease progression and avoiding the need for hospitalization. The treatment is advised for people who have underlying health conditions, an O2 saturation of greater than 93 percent, or anyone who is within 10 days of a positive COVID-19 test.

BCFS Health and Human Services EMD has also been tasked by the state to operate a 24-hour hotline to manage statewide requests for mobile monoclonal infusion of COVID-19 antibody therapeutics. The hotline has been operational since January 29. To date, EMD has infused more than 2,260 patients across the state.

To request treatment, call the hotline at 1-800-742-5990. People requesting treatment will need to meet administration criteria and have a referral from a licensed health care provider. For more information visit combatCOVID.hhs.gov.

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