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East Texas Regional Infusion Center to Treat COVID-19 Opens in Nacogdoches County

NACOGDOCHES, TEXAS – A Regional Infusion Center to treat active COVID-19 patients in East Texas will open in Nacogdoches County, state and local officials announced Thursday.

The facility will open Friday, August 27, with support and collaboration from the State of Texas through the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM), Nacogdoches County, the City of Nacogdoches, SouthEast Texas Regional Advisory Council, Nacogdoches Medical Center, and Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital.

Located at 320 Russell Blvd. in Nacogdoches, the site will operate seven days a week from 7:00 a.m. through 6:00 p.m., administering treatment to 15 patients at a time.

“The process of obtaining a state operated infusion center was a smooth collaboration,” said County Judge Greg Sowell. “This center should ease the strain on our hospitals and help those with the virus to recover.”

The facility will provide monoclonal antibody therapy to patients with active COVID-19 who meet certain medical conditions and who get a referral from a primary care physician. Patients receiving the treatment will not be charged.

At Governor Greg Abbott’s direction, TDEM contracted with a private vendor and will provide necessary equipment and staffing resources to ensure the center is fully operational. Nacogdoches County Commissioners Court recently approved a lease agreement for the facility, while the City of Nacogdoches will cover the expense of utilities.

“The City of Nacogdoches is glad to work hand in hand with our local partners to ensure those that have been impacted by COVID-19 can successfully recover from the devastating virus,” said City of Nacogdoches City Manager, Mario Canizares. “This opportunity will strengthen the community’s fight against COVID-19,” added City Mayor, Jimmy Mize.

Patients must be confirmed COVID-19 positive and have a referral from a primary care physician. The Regional Infusion Center staff will contact referred patients for appointments.

“The infusion center collaborative will keep members of the community out of the hospital, enabling us to care for those with both COVID and non-COVID emergencies,” said Nacogdoches Medical Center’s CEO, Jeff Patterson.

These infusion centers, equipped with Regeneron’s monoclonal antibodies, will treat COVID-19 patients with therapeutic drugs that can prevent their condition from worsening and requiring hospital care. These centers also help increase bed capacity in hospitals so that resources are available for the most ill patients. The State deployed similar measures back in November 2020 to communities across Texas.

NOTE TO MEDIA: Once open, the Regional Infusion Center, is a COVID active zone so no one except patients and medical personnel are allowed inside.

NACOGDOCHES INFUSION CENTER

Outpatient Monoclonal Antibody Infusion Protocol

320 RUSSELL BLVD. NACOGDOCHES, TX 75965

Patient Name: _____

Patient DOB: _____

Patient Phone Number: _____

Patient Allergies: _____

TO ORDER: SEND THE FOLLOWING
DOCUMENTATION VIA FAX: 936-228-1773
OR EMAIL: INFUSION@NACTX.US

- THIS COMPLETED ORDER FORM
- POSITIVE COVID TEST DOCUMENTATION
- H&P OR DOCTORS VISIT DOCUMENT IF AVAILABLE

NOTE: Patient must **NOT** be hospitalized, require oxygen therapy **OR** require an increase in oxygen rate due to Covid-19 if using for underlying comorbidity **AND** within 10 days of symptom onset.

PATIENT INCLUSION CRITERIA- CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

- ≥ 65 years of age
- BMI (body mass index) ≥ 25 **OR** if age 12-17 and BMI ≥ 85th percentile for age and gender based on CDC growth charts.

Height: _____

Weight: _____

- Pregnancy
- Chronic Kidney Disease
- Diabetic
- Immunosuppressive Disease

Type: _____

- Receiving Immunosuppressive Treatment

Type: _____ > _____

- Cardiovascular disease (hypertension or congenital heart disease)
- Chronic Lung Diseases (COPD, asthma (moderate-severe), cystic fibrosis, pulmonary hypertension, or interstitial lung disease)
- Sickle Cell Disease
- Neurodevelopmental disorders (ex. cerebral palsy,) or other conditions that confer medical complexity (ex. genetic or metabolic syndromes and severe congenital anomalies).
- Having a medical related technological dependence (ex. tracheostomy gastrostomy, or positive pressure ventilation not related to COVID).

CONFIRMED COVID POSITIVE DATE: _____

TYPE OF TEST:

PCR ANTIGEN

SYMPTOM ONSET DATE: _____

Patient risk factors will be evaluated and scheduled based on available drug allocation and prescriber will be notified of outcome.

PHYSICIAN SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____ TIME: _____

