

What you need to know about Evusheld:

For people who have received Evusheld in the past

What is Evusheld?

Evusheld is a drug that was made to help prevent you from getting sick from COVID-19. It is a monoclonal antibody drug. Monoclonal antibodies attach themselves to the COVID-19 virus and stop it from entering the cells in your body.

Is Evusheld currently recommended for use?

As of November 2022, Ontario Health does not recommend Evusheld for either prevention or treatment of COVID-19.

In the spring of 2022, Health Canada approved Evusheld for use to help prevent severe illness from COVID-19. At the time it was mainly used for people with weak immune systems.

We now know that Evusheld does not work very well to prevent serious illness for the strains of COVID-19 that became common in the community starting in fall 2022. This is why Ontario Health does not recommend Evusheld anymore.

Will Evusheld still protect me from COVID-19?

If you have gotten Evusheld in the past, you cannot rely on it for protection.

This is because Evusheld does not work very well against the strains of COVID-19 that are currently common in the community.

Is there any risk of harm if I received Evusheld in the past?

There are no known safety risks for people who have gotten Evusheld in the past.

This information is accurate as of December 12, 2022. Information about COVID-19 treatments is changing quickly. Ontario Health will update this handout as information changes.

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How can I protect myself from COVID-19?

To protect yourself from COVID-19, it is important for people with weaker immune systems to:

- Get all doses of the COVID-19 vaccine that you are eligible for. Talk to your health care team about which vaccine may be right for you
- Follow public health recommendations – for example, wear a mask and limit the number of people you see, especially indoors in crowded settings
- Get medical help right away if you show symptoms of COVID-19

Symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- Fever or chills
- Cough (not related to other causes such as allergies)
- Difficulty breathing
- Decreased or loss of taste or smell
- Runny nose or nasal congestion
- Headache
- Extreme tiredness
- Sore throat
- Muscle aches or joint pain
- Gastrointestinal symptoms (such as vomiting or diarrhea)
- Abdominal pain (not related to other causes)
- Pink eye (not related to other causes)

Talk to your health care team if you have any questions about Evusheld.

