

## **Deployment of COVID-19 treatments for highest risk NON- hospitalised patients**

**How will patients receive treatment?** Most of the highest risk patients will receive a letter or email from NHS telling them in advance they **may be eligible for these treatments in the event they test PCR positive for COVID-19.**

### **Please note:**

- GPs will not need to prescribe or dispense nMABs or antivirals.
- However, GP practice might need to refer highest risk patients to the local COVID-19 Medicine Delivery Unit (CMDU) who can assess eligibility and arrange treatment.

**There are two routes by which eligible patients may access treatment:**

#### **1. NHS outreach:**

*In the event of a positive PCR test, a local CMDU will contact the majority of patients directly to discuss the treatment and confirm eligibility. The CMDU will arrange treatment.*

#### **2. Patient in-reach:**

*A small proportion of PCR results cannot be matched to a patient's health record. We are encouraging patients not contacted directly by the NHS within 24 hours of a positive PCR test result to phone their GP practice (in hours) or 111 (out of hours) for an urgent referral to a CMDU.*

***GP practices will not need to prescribe treatment; only refer.***

### **Where will patients receive nMABs or antivirals treatment?**

nMABs are administered intravenously so a patient will need to safely travel to a CMDU site.

If the CMDU decides that an antiviral is the most appropriate treatment option, these will be dropped off to a patient's home, either via a friend or family member of the patient, or via a delivery service.