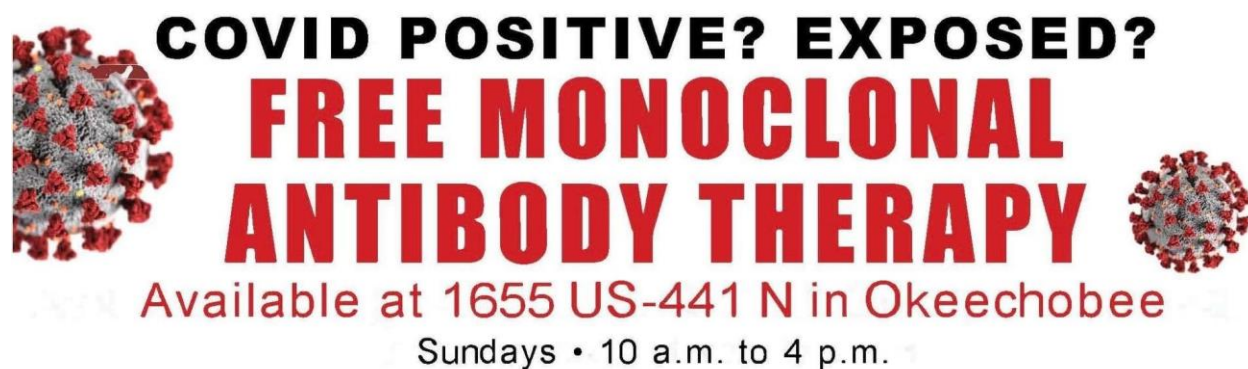


Monoclonal Antibody Therapy Now Available in Okeechobee County to Provide Treatment for COVID-19

**Okeechobee, FL** – On October 10, 2021, Okeechobee County welcomed the Florida Department of Emergency Management & the Florida Department of Health's Monoclonal Antibody Therapy treatment for COVID-19. The treatment site is located at the Surgery Center of Okeechobee, 1655 US Highway 441 N, Okeechobee, FL 34972. The site is open for walk-up treatment or appointments every Sunday from 10am – 4pm. This treatment is being made available to anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19, at no-cost to the patient.

Commissioner Terry Burroughs contacted the Governor's Office to request the Monoclonal Antibody Treatment and to make it available to our rural community. As part of our Health Equity campaign to provide healthcare to all Okeechobee residents, FDOH-Okeechobee worked in collaboration with Okeechobee County Government and Okeechobee County Emergency Management to offer this valuable healthcare service in our community.



Community partners ran social media campaigns to promote the treatment and to get the word out into the community. FDOH-Okeechobee collaborated with our community partners to promote the COVID-19 treatment, and answered many questions from residents, about the treatment, in our COVID-19 Call Center.



Signage was placed on US 441 directing residents to the treatment site and other signs were placed at the entrance.

FDOH-Okeechobee encourages anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 to speak to their Primary Care Physician and seek treatment. Bringing this treatment to the residents of Okeechobee County is

part of the FDOH-Okeechobee's Strategic Plan, Readiness for Emerging Public Health Threats which aligns with the State Strategic Plan.

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