

# WCCI

BLOOD DRIVE DONATION

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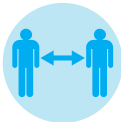
Give the gift of life! In light of Covid-19 there has been a dramatic drop of blood supply and **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

## SAFETY AT BLOOD DRIVES

Red Cross employees have implemented added precautions to ensure blood drives and donation centers are safe for donors and staff.



Using Sterile  
Collection Sets



Spacing Beds 6' Apart  
Where Possible



Having Hand  
Sanitizer Available



Using Aseptic  
Scrubs on Arms



Temperature Checks  
Before Entry



Wiping Down  
All Touched Areas

# DONATE

## IS IT SAFE TO GIVE RIGHT NOW?

### BLOOD PRODUCT SAFETY INFORMATION:

#### **Q. Can you contract the coronavirus through a blood transfusion?**

**A.** There is no evidence that this coronavirus or any other respiratory viruses are transmitted by blood transfusion. Nevertheless, out of an abundance of caution, the Red Cross is using a robust health screening process for blood donors in the U.S., which consists of a temperature check, blood pressure evaluation, hemoglobin level test and a series of questions designed to ensure that a donor is healthy enough to donate.

*If a donor develops any symptoms of illness within the days following donation, donations are immediately quarantined and not used for transfusion. It's important to emphasize that there is no data or evidence that this coronavirus can be transmitted by blood transfusion, and there have been no reported cases of transfusion transmission for any respiratory virus including this coronavirus worldwide.*

#### **Q. Is the Red Cross deferring donors who have traveled to China or other countries that have local cases of this coronavirus?**

**A.** While there have been no reported cases worldwide of any respiratory virus, including COVID-19, being transmitted through a blood transfusion, the Red Cross has implemented new blood donation deferrals out of an abundance of caution. We ask that individuals postpone their donation for 28 days following:

- **Travel to China and its special administrative regions, Hong Kong and Macau, as well as Iran, Italy and South Korea.**
- **Diagnosis of COVID-19, contact with a person who has or is suspected to have the virus.**

#### **Q. Why is it a 28-day deferral when this coronavirus quarantine typically lasts 14 days?**

**A.** To ensure the safety of the blood supply, as well as our staff and donors, the deferral period often doubles the incubation period out of an abundance of caution. This 28-day deferral period for COVID-19 aligns with recommendations from AABB's Transfusion Transmitted Disease Committee and FDA considerations.