

Donating COVID-19 Convalescent Plasma

Individuals who have recovered from COVID-19 may be able to help patients fighting the infection by donating their plasma.

The plasma of those who have recovered is now rich in COVID-19 antibodies. This plasma, known as convalescent plasma, can potentially be used as treatment for those currently fighting the infection.

If you had COVID-19 and want to donate, visit AABB's blood donation center finder to locate your local AABB-accredited blood donation site.

WHERE TO DONATE?

Visit COVIDPlasma.org to find the nearest AABB-accredited blood donation site currently collecting COVID-19 convalescent plasma.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO DONATE?

If you had COVID-19 and want to donate, you must be fully recovered from the infection. In addition to the eligibility criteria for COVID-19 plasma, there are standard requirements that must be met for all blood donors (e.g., feeling well and healthy, age, weight, etc.). Your local blood collection site will ensure you meet all necessary criteria before donating.

HOW DOES THE TREATMENT WORK?

The antibody-rich plasma is collected from a recovered person, then transfused to a sick patient who is fighting the virus. This provides a boost to the immune system of the sick patient and may help speed the recovery process.

IS IT SAFE TO DONATE BLOOD?

Yes! AABB-accredited blood donor centers follow AABB Standards and FDA's regulations. These establishments follow strict rules and regulations to maintain the safety of all involved in the blood donation process. AABB-accredited blood centers and hospital blood banks voluntarily adhere to even higher quality and safety standards as part of their commitment to your safety.

MY LOCAL BLOOD CENTER IS NOT COLLECTING COVID-19 CONVALESCENT PLASMA. HOW CAN I STILL DONATE?

To locate another blood center near you, use the AABB blood donation center finder to search by zip code. *(Note: the results will show blood centers in your region, but not all sites are currently able to collect convalescent plasma.)*

To find your nearest donation site, visit COVIDPlasma.org