

COVID19 Email to Donors

March 11, 2020



**All types
welcome**

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Hoxworth Blood Center is appealing to you as we are in the midst of a national blood shortage brought on by the outbreak of COVID19 (coronavirus). We need all eligible blood donors to schedule a donation at their earliest convenience. As a reminder, blood donation is a safe, sterile process and there is no risk of contracting the virus by donating blood. Therefore, it is critical that blood drives and donations continue as scheduled.

The coronavirus outbreak poses no additional risk to blood donors for the mere fact of being blood donors, either during the donation process or from attending organized blood drives. COVID-19 also poses no additional risk to patients receiving blood transfusions. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have maintained their recommendation that no additional action by blood centers is warranted at this time, and we remain in regular contact with both agencies regarding changes to donation eligibility and screening criteria.

While no cases of COVID-19 have been identified in the immediate area, Hoxworth Blood Center implemented additional safety measures beginning Tuesday, March 10 out of an abundance of caution and to ensure that Hoxworth staff are not a source of transmission. Blood center employees that are within one meter of contact with donors and visitors will be provided with face masks and gloves to wear. At donor centers and blood drives, gloves will be changed between donors during phlebotomy and screening.

Again, we sincerely appreciate your dedication as we cannot save lives without you. It is the blood on the shelf that saves lives - therefore we must continue to hold blood drives. Individuals who make a lifesaving donation today through March 17th will get a free St. Patrick's Day T-shirt.

**Donate Blood at any Neighborhood Donor Center
or *select* Mobile Blood Drives
Today - 17th and receive a free St. Patrick's Day t-shirt!**

Share the Luck
free t-shirt for donors | March 8th - 17th



Please visit www.hoxworth.org or call 513-451-0910
to schedule your lifesaving donation!

You're going to save a life!



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