

March 23, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to certify that _____ has an appointment to make a lifesaving blood donation at **Hoxworth Blood Center, University of Cincinnati**, on _____, 2020 at _____ a.m./p.m.

Public Health Officials have determined that **blood donation is an essential act** and is therefore is an exception of the “Stay at Home” Order executed by Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and Dr. Amy Acton, Ohio Department of Health on Sunday, March 22, 2020.

*Leaving the home for **Essential Activities is permitted**. For purposes of this Order, individuals may leave their residence only to perform any of the following Essential Activities: For health and safety. To engage in activities or perform tasks essential to their health and safety, or to the health and safety of their family or household members or persons who are unable or should not leave their home (including, but not limited to, pets), such as, by way of example only and without limitation, seeking emergency services, obtaining medical supplies or medication, or visiting a health care professional.*

For necessary supplies and services. To obtain necessary services or supplies for themselves and their family or household members or persons who are unable or should not leave their home, or to deliver those services or supplies to others, such as, by way of example only and without limitation, groceries and food, household consumer products, supplies they need to work from home, automobile supplies (including dealers, parts, supplies, repair and maintenance), and products necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences.

The person in possession of this letter is volunteer blood donor at Hoxworth Blood Center, University of Cincinnati. This person’s presence outside or on the road is a legal exception to current travel restrictions.

If you have questions, please contact me immediately.

Sincerely,



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Professor & Director
Hoxworth Blood Center, University of Cincinnati