Dear Colleague,

Your community blood center, Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center, is asking for your assistance in identifying and referring recovered COVID-19 patients for donations of COVID-19 convalescent plasma (CCP), an investigational but promising treatment for COVID-19 patients.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is permitting the use of this convalescent plasma as an investigational treatment for patients with moderate or severe COVID-19 infection. The basic principle is that the plasma would contain antibodies; this method has been used with other respiratory viruses. However, the supply of CCP is very limited right now since very few people in our area are eligible.

To be eligible to participate, the individual:

* Must have had a prior diagnosis of COVID-19 documented by a laboratory test, and
* be eligible to donate blood.

Also, the donor must either:

* Have fully recovered from COVID-19, with complete resolution of symptoms for at least **14** days, with a second, negative test, or
* Have fully recovered from COVID-19, with complete resolution of symptoms for at least **28** days before donation. No second test is required in this case.

Potential donors would complete The Blood Center’s online questionnaire at <https://www.giveblood.org/covid-19-questionnaire/> to get started.

Some individuals who have had COVID-19 do not have laboratory evidence. We are not able to accept these persons as donors now, but may be able to do so in the future, as antibody tests develop.

To build the community inventory of CCP, we are asking you to educate your patients who you believe would qualify and refer them to Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center. Enclosed, you will find brochures to share with individuals interested in helping others.

Thank you for your help. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Stay Safe,

\*\*Name\*\*

Chief Medical Officer