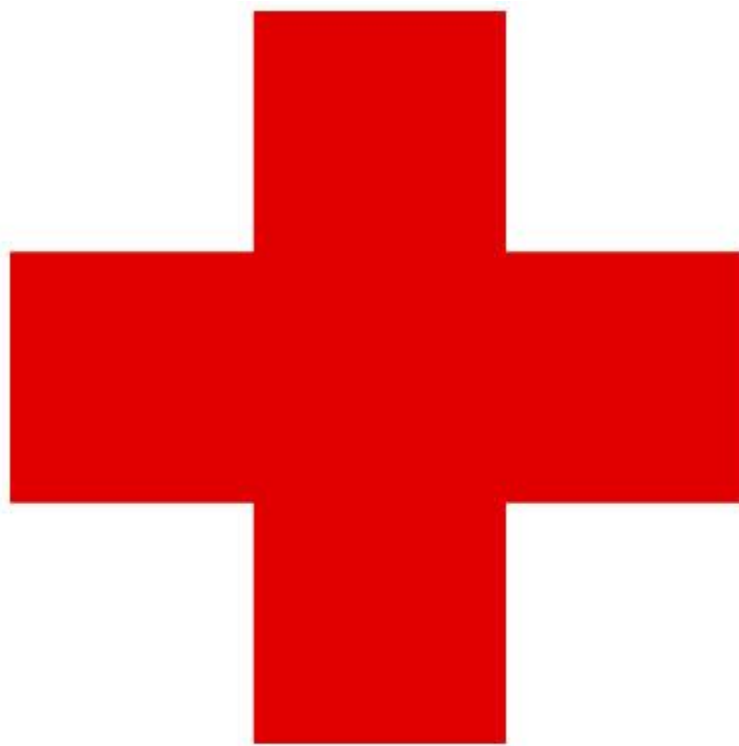


# **Red Cross encourages blood donations before holidays**

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**American  
Red Cross**

**ST. LOUIS** – The American Red Cross encourages eligible donors to give blood before the holiday season is in full swing.

Blood donations often decline from Thanksgiving to New Year's Day when holiday festivities pull people away from their donation appointments. This often causes a drop

in the blood available for patients. Donations are needed in the weeks leading up to the holidays to help offset this seasonal decline.

Blood donor Kathy Steckly Neuschwander's father gave blood for years. She always saw him wear his pin when he reached his next gallon – about 12 gallons total. When he was diagnosed with leukemia, she and her family learned firsthand how important blood donations could be around the holidays.

“He passed away in 1994 from leukemia and needed a blood transfusion so we could have one more Thanksgiving together,” she said. “My brother and sister were able to come home from the East Coast for this. I can now say I am wearing his three-gallon pin.”

Donors with all blood types are needed, and especially those with types O negative, B negative, A negative and AB blood. To make an appointment to donate blood, download the free Red Cross Blood Donor App from app stores, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Donors can now use the Blood Donor App to access their donor card and view vital signs from previous donations.

### **Upcoming blood donation opportunities:**

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## **Bond**

Greenville

11/12/2015: 3 p.m. - 7 p.m., VFW Post 1377, 2043 S 4th St

Pocahontas

11/10/2015: 2:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., St Nicholas Church, 401 E State St

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## **Clay**

Louisville

11/4/2015: 3 p.m. - 7 p.m., St John Lutheran Church Louisville, 17684 E 1st Avenue

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## Clinton

Aviston

11/9/2015: 2 p.m. - 7 p.m., American Legion Hall, 601 S.Clinton St.

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## Coles

Charleston

11/8/2015: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Salisbury Church, 2350 East Madison

11/11/2015: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Eastern Illinois University Charleston Student Rec Center, 600 Lincoln Ave.

Mattoon

11/2/2015: 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 10 Charleston Ave

11/12/2015: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Lake Land College, 5001 Lake Land Blvd

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## Effingham

Beecher City

11/4/2015: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Beecher City High School, 438 East State Hwy 33

Edgewood

11/7/2015: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., American Legion Hall - Edgewood, 810 Route 37

Teutopolis

11/3/2015: 1:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Knights of Columbus, 210 South Pearl

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## Fayette

Farina

11/2/2015: 12:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., South Central High School, 800 W Washington

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## Franklin

Benton

11/13/2015: 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Benton High School, 511 East Main Street

Whittington

11/10/2015: 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., Whittington Church, 200 Main Street

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## Jasper

Newton

11/13/2015: 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., Newton High School, 201 West End Ave.

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## Jefferson

Dix

11/4/2015: 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., Dix Community Center, 217 N. Main

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11/3/2015: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Rend Lake College, 468 N. Kengray Parkway

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Opdyke

11/10/2015: 3 p.m. - 7 p.m., Opdyke Baptist Church, 9208 N. Opdyke Ln.

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## Jersey

Jerseyville

11/12/2015: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., Knights of Columbus Hall, 307 N. State St.

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## Macoupin

## Brighton

11/13/2015: 2 p.m. - 8 p.m., St Alphonsus Church, 918 N. Main St.

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# Madison

## Alton

11/9/2015: 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., Centerstone, 2615 Edwards Street

11/9/2015: 3 p.m. - 7 p.m., Main Street United Methodist Church, 1400 Main St

## Collinsville

11/14/2015: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., J5 CrossFit, 9500 Collinsville Road, Suite C

## Godfrey

11/11/2015: 2 p.m. - 7 p.m., Alton Wood River Sportsmens Club, 3109 Godfrey Road

## Highland

11/2/2015: 3 p.m. - 7 p.m., Highland Hope UMC, 12846 Daiber

## Roxana

11/7/2015: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Rox Arena, 2 Park Drive

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# Marion

## Centralia

11/9/2015: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Kaskaskia College, Shattuc Road

11/10/2015: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Kaskaskia College, Shattuc Road

Salem

11/15/2015: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., St Theresa of Avila Catholic Church, 812 West Main

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## **Monroe**

Columbia

11/2/2015: 3 p.m. - 7 p.m., Hope Christian Church, 9273 Coach Stop Road

Waterloo

11/2/2015: 3 p.m. - 7 p.m., First Baptist Church, 718 N. Market St.

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## **Montgomery**

Witt

11/3/2015: 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., Witt Lions Club, 600 W Broadway

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## **Randolph**

Chester

11/3/2015: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Chester High School, 1901 Swanwick Street

## Prairie du Rocher

11/11/2015: 2:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., American Legion Hall, 509 Henry Street

## Red Bud

11/10/2015: 1:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Red Bud Regional Hospital, 325 Spring Street

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# Richland

## Olney

11/1/2015: 7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., St Joseph Stringtown Community Club, North Stringtown Road

11/12/2015: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., VFW, 205 N Walnut

11/15/2015: 8 a.m. - 12 p.m., St Joseph Catholic Church-Olney, 220 South Elliott Street

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# Saint Clair

## Dupo

11/2/2015: 3 p.m. - 7 p.m., Bluffview Elementary, 905 Bluffview Elementary Lane

11/6/2015: 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Dupo High School, 600 Louisa Avenue

## East Saint Louis

11/13/2015: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., East St Louis Senior High, 4901 State Street

## Lebanon



11/12/2015: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., McKendree University, 1200 Alton

Millstadt

11/12/2015: 4 p.m. - 8 p.m., Millstadt Consolidated School, 211 West Mill Street

Saint Libory

11/5/2015: 3 p.m. - 7 p.m., American Legion Hall, 7236 State Route 15

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## Washington

Nashville

11/3/2015: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., Washington County Hospital-Nashville, 705 South Grand

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## Mo.

## Crawford

Cuba

11/2/2015: 8 a.m. - 12 p.m., Wallis Oil, 106 East Washington Street

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## Franklin

Union

11/6/2015: 3 p.m. - 7 p.m., Central Elementary School, 2 East Springfield

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## Jefferson

Arnold

11/2/2015: 2:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Knights of Columbus Pope John XXIII, 1623 Jeffco Blvd.

11/3/2015: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., VFW Post 2593, 2301 Church Road

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11/15/2015: 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., St Rose of Lima Catholic Church, 504 S. 3rd and Miller

Festus

11/9/2015: 7:45 a.m. - 1 p.m., Jefferson R-7 High School, 7 Blue Jay Way

Hillsboro

11/10/2015: 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m., Jefferson College, 1000 Viking

Imperial

11/5/2015: 7:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Windsor High School, 6208 Highway 61/67

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## Saint Charles

Harvester

11/15/2015: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., St Elizabeth Ann Seton, 2 Seton Ct

## Lake Saint Louis

11/5/2015: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Heritage of Hawk Ridge Clubhouse, 225 Pigeon

## O Fallon

11/3/2015: 3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Ft. Zumwalt West Middle School, 150 Waterford Crossing

## Saint Charles

11/15/2015: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., St Charles Moose Lodge, 2705 Veterans Memorial Parkway

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# Saint Francois

## Farmington

11/6/2015: 7:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Farmington High School, 1 Black Knight Drive

11/8/2015: 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., St Joseph Catholic Church, 501 Carleton

## Park Hills

11/10/2015: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 401 Taylor Avenue

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# Saint Louis

## Chesterfield

11/12/2015: 11 a.m. - 7 p.m., Elite Football Academy, 17363 Edison Ave.

11/13/2015: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Banfield Pet Hospital, 262 THF Blvd.

## Creve Coeur

11/5/2015: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Spectrum Healthcare Resources, 12647 Olive Blvd.

## Eureka

11/2/2015: 3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Elks Lodge, 19 W 1st St

11/4/2015: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m., St Louis County Library - Eureka Hills, 156 Towne Center

## Fenton

11/11/2015: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Wal-mart, 653 Gravois Bluff Blvd

## Florissant

11/9/2015: 3 p.m. - 7 p.m., St Louis County Library, 195 S New Florissant Road

## Manchester

11/7/2015: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., St John United Church of Christ, 332 Old Sulphur Springs

## Maryland Heights

11/8/2015: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Grace Church, 2695 Creve Coeur Mill Road

## Saint Louis

11/11/2015: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Missouri Baptist University, One College Park Dr.

## University City

11/12/2015: 11 a.m. - 7 p.m., Centennial Commons, 7210 Olive Blvd

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# Saint Louis City

11/1/2015: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., South City Family YMCA, 3150 Sublette Ave.

11/2/2015: 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., The Pageant, 6161 Delmar Blvd

11/4/2015: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Jones Lang LaSalle, 1 Metropolitan Square, 211 North Broadway

11/10/2015: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Shriners Hospitals for Children, 4400 Clayton Ave.

11/13/2015: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Abrams Building, 1520 Market Street

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# Sainte Genevieve

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11/12/2015: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., United Steel Workers, 950 South Gabouri

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## How to donate blood

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Blood donors can now save time at their next donation by using RapidPass to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, prior to arriving at the blood drive. To get started and learn more, visit [redcrossblood.org/RapidPass](http://redcrossblood.org/RapidPass) and follow the instructions on the site.

## About the American Red Cross

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit [redcross.org](https://www.redcross.org) or visit us on Twitter at [@RedCross](https://twitter.com/RedCross).