



More African American Blood Donors Urgently Needed To Help Sickle Cell Patients And Help Save Lives This Fall

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ST. LOUIS, Mo. — The American Red Cross is emphasizing the unique role African American blood donors play in the medical treatment of those living with sickle cell disease during Sickle Cell Awareness Month this September. Right now, more African American blood donors are critically needed to help patients battling sickle cell disease as blood drives – especially those at schools, colleges and universities – continue to be canceled at alarming rates.

Last spring, more African American blood donors gave at Red Cross blood drives held at educational institutions than at any other blood drive location type. As drives across the country canceled this spring due to coronavirus concerns, the number of African American blood donors giving at these schools decreased from over 15,000 in 2019 to about 2,700 this year. Drives at educational institutions make up the largest percentage of fall blood drive cancellations, so the need for more African American blood donors for sickle cell patients is expected to remain urgent.

“Sickle cell disease profoundly impacts the quality of life of those living with this inherited blood disorder, and your blood donation could be the donation that helps a patient keep fighting,” said Dr. Yvette Miller, executive medical director, Red Cross Blood Services. “The pandemic hasn’t stopped the need for transfusions for sickle cell patients. The Red Cross encourages eligible donors to roll up a sleeve and share their strength with patients during Sickle Cell Awareness Month.”

More African American blood donors are urged to make a blood donation appointment by downloading the [Red Cross Blood Donor App](#), visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](#), calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

How donations from African American blood donors help sickle cell patients

About 100,000 people in the U.S., most of whom are of African or Latino descent, are living with sickle cell disease, making it the most common genetic blood disease in the country. Sickle cell disease causes red blood cells to be sticky, hard and crescent-shaped instead of soft and round. This makes it difficult for blood to flow smoothly and carry oxygen to the rest of the body, which may lead to severe pain, tissue and organ damage, acute anemia and even strokes.

Blood transfusion helps sickle cell disease patients by increasing the number of normal red blood cells in the body, helping to deliver oxygen and unblock blood vessels. Patients with sickle cell disease depend on blood that must be matched very closely – beyond the A, B, O and AB blood types – to reduce the risk of complications. Some of these rare blood types are unique to specific racial and ethnic groups, and because of this, sickle cell disease patients are more likely to find a compatible blood match from a blood donor who is African American.

More information about [blood and diversity](#) is available on the Red Cross website.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities Sept. 16-30

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Bond

Mulberry Grove

9/17/2020: 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., Mulberry Grove Community Building, 100 E Maple Street

Clay

Clay City

9/25/2020: 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., Clay City High School, 707 South Walnut

Louisville

9/21/2020: 2 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., North Clay Elementary, Route 45 South

Xenia

9/29/2020: 1:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Daggs Auction Company, 230 CO Hwy 16

Clinton

Beckemeyer

9/15/2020: 3 p.m. - 7 p.m., American Legion Hall, 391 Louis Street

Breese

9/16/2020: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., American Legion Hall, 575 North Main Street

New Baden

9/21/2020: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Civic Center, 100 East Birch Street

Coles

Mattoon

9/16/2020: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Burgess Osborne Auditorium, 1701 Wabash Avenue

Effingham

Altamont

9/25/2020: 12:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., VFW, 302 W. Cumberland

Effingham

9/15/2020: 12:15 p.m. - 6:45 p.m., Effingham Blood Donation Center, 603 Eden Ave

9/16/2020: 12:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m., Effingham Blood Donation Center, 603 Eden Ave

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9/22/2020: 12:15 p.m. - 6:45 p.m., Effingham Blood Donation Center, 603 Eden Ave

9/22/2020: 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., Effingham Event Center, 1501 West Fayette

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Fayette

Brownstown

9/29/2020: 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., Golden Years Building, 1708N 1550 St.

Vandalia

9/15/2020: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., Vandalia Moose Lodge, 328 South 3rd Street

9/15/2020: 1:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Zimmerman's Greenhouse, 1386 East 1050 Avenue

9/21/2020: 3 p.m. - 7 p.m., Vandalia Elementary School, 1017 West Fletcher

9/23/2020: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Fayette Co. Health Dept., 416 W. Edwards

9/28/2020: 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., FUMC Vandalia, 127 N. 4th St

Macoupin

Staunton

9/16/2020: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m., Associated Bank, 115 S. Elm St.

Madison

Bethalto

9/16/2020: 3 p.m. - 7 p.m., Bethalto Senior Citizens Center, 100 E Central St.

Collinsville

9/15/2020: 3 p.m. - 7 p.m., American Legion Post 365, 1022 Vandalia

9/24/2020: 3 p.m. - 7 p.m., American Legion Post 365, 1022 Vandalia

Edwardsville

9/23/2020: 3 p.m. - 7 p.m., YMCA, 7348 Goshen Road

9/24/2020: 2:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., GC Cuisine and Crystal Gardens, 1230 University Dr.

9/25/2020: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., GC Cuisine and Crystal Gardens, 1230 University Dr.

9/28/2020: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., GC Cuisine and Crystal Gardens, 1230 University Dr.

9/30/2020: 1 p.m. - 7 p.m., Moose Lodge 1561, 7371 Marine Rd. (Rte 143)

Highland

9/16/2020: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Mosaic Church - Highland, 1317 Pestalozzi St

9/21/2020: 2 p.m. - 7 p.m., Weinheimer Community Center, 1100 Main St

Marion

Centralia

9/16/2020: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School, 9545 Shattuc Road

9/16/2020: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., Moose Family Center, 1824 South Poplar

Kinmundy

9/20/2020: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., Kinmundy Christian Church, 225 N. Monroe Street

Odin

9/21/2020: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m., First Christian Church, 110 Perkins Street

Salem

9/22/2020: 8 a.m. - 12 p.m., St Theresa of Avila Catholic Church Parish Center, 812 West Main

Monroe

Columbia

9/17/2020: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Turner Hall, 211 East Cherry Street

9/18/2020: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Turner Hall, 211 East Cherry Street

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9/22/2020: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Turner Hall, 211 East Cherry Street

9/29/2020: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Turner Hall, 211 East Cherry Street

Valmeyer

9/28/2020: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., St Mary Catholic, 101 S. Meyer

Waterloo

9/15/2020: 1 p.m. - 7 p.m., St Paul UCC-Waterloo, 1st and Main

Randolph

Red Bud

9/17/2020: 1:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Red Bud Regional Hospital, 325 Spring Street

Sparta

9/23/2020: 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., Spartan Light Metal, 510 East McClurken

9/23/2020: 2 p.m. - 7 p.m., VFW Post 2698, 1911 North Market Street

Richland

Noble

9/28/2020: 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., Noble Lions Club Building, 112 West South Avenue

Saint Clair

Belleville

9/28/2020: 2 p.m. - 7 p.m., Engine House 4, 1125 S Illinois St

Fairview Heights

9/15/2020: 12:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m., Fairview Heights Blood Donation Center, 10886 Lincoln Trail

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Freeburg

9/22/2020: 3 p.m. - 7 p.m., Freeburg Township Office, 203 S. Richland Street

Mascoutah

9/24/2020: 2 p.m. - 7 p.m., Holy Childhood Church, 104 North Independence, P. O Box 160

New Athens

9/18/2020: 2:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Bullpen, 201 Kaskaskia Street

O Fallon

9/23/2020: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Drury O'Fallon, 1118 Central Park Dr

9/28/2020: 3 p.m. - 7 p.m., Public Safety Building, 285 N. 7 Hills Rd

Shiloh

9/25/2020: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Corpus Christi Parish Center, 206 Rasp

Smithton

9/25/2020: 3 p.m. - 7 p.m., Senior Citizen Center, 711 South Main Street

Shelby

Shelbyville

9/17/2020: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., First Baptist Church, 1000 West North 6th

Washington

Ashley

9/17/2020: 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., Ashley Community Building, 660 East Main Street

Okawville

9/22/2020: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Okawville High School, 400 South Hanover

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Franklin

New Haven

9/30/2020: 12:45 p.m. - 6 p.m., American Legion Hall, 9494 Highway 100

Sullivan

9/21/2020: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., VFW Hall, Highway 185 and Springfield Road

9/28/2020: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Sullivan Community Center, 730 West Main

Union

9/22/2020: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m., City Hall, 500 East Locust Street

Washington

9/15/2020: 11:45 a.m. - 6:15 p.m., Washington Blood Donation Center, 6244 Hwy 100, Suite 210

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Jefferson

Arnold

9/17/2020: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., First Baptist Church Arnold, 2012 Missouri State Rd.

9/23/2020: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Drury Hotel, 3800 Hwy 141

9/24/2020: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Drury Hotel, 3800 Hwy 141

9/24/2020: 2:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Arnold Recreational Center, 1695 Missouri State Rd.

Festus

9/15/2020: 1:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, 107 Truman Blvd.

9/15/2020: 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., Festus Public Library, 406 West Main Street

9/28/2020: 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., Festus Public Library, 406 West Main Street

Hillsboro

9/17/2020: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Jefferson County Administration Center, 729 Maple Street

Imperial

9/16/2020: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Meramec Arnold Elks, 1515 Miller Road

9/22/2020: 2:30 p.m. - 7 p.m., St. Joseph Catholic School, 6024 Old Antonia

Lincoln

Troy

9/15/2020: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Woods Fort Restaurant and Banquet Center, 1 Country Club Dr

9/24/2020: 3 p.m. - 7 p.m., St Stephen United Methodist Church, 101 St. Stephen Lane

9/27/2020: 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., Journey Church, 366 S. Lincoln Drive

Saint Charles

Lake Saint Louis

9/24/2020: 1 p.m. - 7 p.m., Lake St Louis Police Department, 200 Civic Center Dr

O Fallon

9/18/2020: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Progress West Hospital, 2 Progress Point Parkway

Saint Charles

9/15/2020: 3 p.m. - 7 p.m., Immanuel Lutheran Church, 115 S. 6th Street

9/16/2020: 3 p.m. - 7 p.m., Immanuel Lutheran Church, 115 S. 6th Street

9/18/2020: 3 p.m. - 7 p.m., Henderson Elementary School, 2501 Hackman Rd

9/22/2020: 4 p.m. - 7 p.m., Becky David Elementary School, 1155 Jungs Station Road

Saint Peters

9/15/2020: 7:45 a.m. - 2:15 p.m., St Charles County Blood Donation Center, 252 Mid Rivers Center

9/16/2020: 12:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m., St Charles County Blood Donation Center, 252 Mid Rivers Center

9/17/2020: 12:15 p.m. - 6:45 p.m., St Charles County Blood Donation Center, 252 Mid Rivers Center

9/18/2020: 8:15 a.m. - 2:15 p.m., St Charles County Blood Donation Center, 252 Mid Rivers Center

9/18/2020: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Barnes Jewish St Peters Hospital Medical Office Building #1, 6 Jungermann Circle, Suite 117

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Wentzville

9/21/2020: 1 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Crossfit 70, 1840 W Pearce Blvd

Saint Francois

Bonne Terre

9/29/2020: 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Unitec Career Center, 7163 Raider Road

Desloge

9/15/2020: 3 p.m. - 7 p.m., Faith Cowboy Church, 6108 E. Outer Rd.

9/24/2020: 2 p.m. - 7 p.m., United Methodist Church - Desloge, 800 S. Grant

Farmington

9/18/2020: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Hefner Furniture & Appliance, 4850 US Hy 67

9/21/2020: 2 p.m. - 7 p.m., First Baptist Church, 210 North A Street

9/22/2020: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Parkland Health Center, 1101 West Liberty

9/25/2020: 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., Culvers, 525 W. Karsch

9/27/2020: 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., St Joseph Catholic Church, 10 North Long

Leadwood

9/21/2020: 2 p.m. - 7 p.m., Leadwood Fire Protection District, 1101 Mills Street

9/22/2020: 2 p.m. - 7 p.m., Leadwood Fire Protection District, 1101 Mills Street

9/23/2020: 2 p.m. - 7 p.m., Leadwood Fire Protection District, 1101 Mills Street

Park Hills

9/25/2020: 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., Park Hills Central High School, 116 Rebel Drive

Saint Louis

Affton

9/23/2020: 3 p.m. - 7 p.m., Elks, 6330 Heege Road

Ballwin

9/17/2020: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Ballwin Community Drive, 1 Ballwin Commons Circle

9/29/2020: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Ballwin VFW Post #6274, 115 Mimosa Ln.

Chesterfield

9/15/2020: 11:45 a.m. - 6:15 p.m., West County Blood Donation Center, 13369 Olive Blvd.

9/16/2020: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Bayer at The Doubletree By Hilton Chesterfield, 16625 Swingley Ridge Rd.

9/16/2020: 11:45 a.m. - 6:15 p.m., West County Blood Donation Center, 13369 Olive Blvd.

9/17/2020: 10:45 a.m. - 5:45 p.m., West County Blood Donation Center, 13369 Olive Blvd.

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Fenton

9/15/2020: 2 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Fenton United Methodist Church, 800 Gravois Rd

9/16/2020: 2 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Fenton United Methodist Church, 800 Gravois Rd

9/17/2020: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Elevation Church, 316 Gravois Rd,

9/18/2020: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Elevation Church, 316 Gravois Rd,

9/30/2020: 1:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Fenton United Methodist Church, 800 Gravois Rd

Florissant

9/16/2020: 11:30 a.m. - 6 p.m., Florissant Meadow's Shopping Center, 740 N. Highway 67

9/17/2020: 11:30 a.m. - 6 p.m., Florissant Meadow's Shopping Center, 740 N. Highway 67

9/23/2020: 11:30 a.m. - 6 p.m., Florissant Meadow's Shopping Center, 740 N. Highway 67

9/24/2020: 11:30 a.m. - 6 p.m., Florissant Meadow's Shopping Center, 740 N. Highway 67

9/25/2020: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Greater North County Chamber of Commerce, 420 W Washington Street

9/30/2020: 11:30 a.m. - 6 p.m., Florissant Meadow's Shopping Center, 740 N. Highway 67

Kirkwood

9/23/2020: 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Kirkwood Community Center, 111 South Geyer

Saint Louis

9/15/2020: 7:45 a.m. - 3 p.m., South County Blood Donation Center, 9230 Watson Rd.

9/15/2020: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Saint Louis Galleria, 1417 Saint Louis Galleria

9/16/2020: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., St Louis Area Chapter American Red Cross, 10195 Corporate Square

9/16/2020: 12:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., South County Blood Donation Center, 9230 Watson Rd.

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9/21/2020: 1 p.m. - 7 p.m., Mary Queen of Peace, 676 Lockwood Avenue

9/21/2020: 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., Zion United Methodist Church, 1603 Union Road

9/22/2020: 7:45 a.m. - 2:45 p.m., South County Blood Donation Center, 9230 Watson Rd.

9/22/2020: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Drury Inn & Suites Brentwood, 8700 Eager Road

9/22/2020: 3 p.m. - 7 p.m., Assumption Catholic Church, 4725 Mattis Rd.

9/23/2020: 12:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., South County Blood Donation Center, 9230 Watson Rd.

9/23/2020: 2 p.m. - 7 p.m., Craig Elementary, 1485 Craig Rd

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9/25/2020: 7:45 a.m. - 2:45 p.m., South County Blood Donation Center, 9230 Watson Rd.

9/25/2020: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Hilton Garden Inn St. Louis Airport, 4450 Evans Pl

9/25/2020: 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., Crestwood Elks Lodge 2503, 10261 Bauer Road

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9/28/2020: 12:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., South County Blood Donation Center, 9230 Watson Rd.

9/28/2020: 3 p.m. - 7 p.m., First Baptist Church of Oakville, 6741 Telegraph Rd

9/29/2020: 7:45 a.m. - 2:45 p.m., South County Blood Donation Center, 9230 Watson Rd.

9/29/2020: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Marriott - St Louis West, 660 Maryville Centre Drive

9/29/2020: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., The Boulevard- Richmond Heights, 26 The Boulevard

9/29/2020: 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., Elks Lodge, 2726 Oakville Elks Lane

9/30/2020: 12:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., South County Blood Donation Center, 9230 Watson Rd.

Valley Park

9/17/2020: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Drury Southwest, 5 Lambert Drury Place

9/21/2020: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., Lions Den, 1001 St. Louis Ave.

Webster Groves

9/21/2020: 3 p.m. - 7 p.m., Webster Hills United Methodist Church, 1333 W Lockwood Avenue

Saint Louis City

Saint Louis

9/15/2020: 7:45 a.m. - 2:45 p.m., St Louis Blood Donation Center, 4050 Lindell Blvd

9/15/2020: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Anheuser-Busch, 1200 Lynch Street

9/16/2020: 12:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m., St Louis Blood Donation Center, 4050 Lindell Blvd

9/16/2020: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Hampton Inn & Suites, 5650 Oakland Avenue

9/17/2020: 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., SumnerOne, 6691 Manchester Avenue

9/17/2020: 12:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., St Louis Blood Donation Center, 4050 Lindell Blvd

9/18/2020: 7 a.m. - 12 p.m., Barnes-Jewish Hospital, One Barnes Hospital Plaza, North South Link

9/18/2020: 7:45 a.m. - 2:45 p.m., St Louis Blood Donation Center, 4050 Lindell Blvd

9/18/2020: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m., Barnes-Jewish Hospital, One Barnes Hospital Plaza, North South Link

9/19/2020: 7:45 a.m. - 2:45 p.m., St Louis Blood Donation Center, 4050 Lindell Blvd

9/20/2020: 7:45 a.m. - 2:15 p.m., St Louis Blood Donation Center, 4050 Lindell Blvd

9/21/2020: 12:15 p.m. - 6:45 p.m., St Louis Blood Donation Center, 4050 Lindell Blvd

9/22/2020: 7:45 a.m. - 2:45 p.m., St Louis Blood Donation Center, 4050 Lindell Blvd

9/23/2020: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Drury Forest Park, 2111 Sulphur Ave

9/23/2020: 12:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m., St Louis Blood Donation Center, 4050 Lindell Blvd

9/24/2020: 12:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., St Louis Blood Donation Center, 4050 Lindell Blvd

9/25/2020: 7:45 a.m. - 2:45 p.m., St Louis Blood Donation Center, 4050 Lindell Blvd

9/25/2020: 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., Carondelet Park Rec Plex, 930 Holly Hills

9/26/2020: 7:45 a.m. - 2:45 p.m., St Louis Blood Donation Center, 4050 Lindell Blvd

9/27/2020: 7:45 a.m. - 2:15 p.m., St Louis Blood Donation Center, 4050 Lindell Blvd

9/28/2020: 12:15 p.m. - 6:45 p.m., St Louis Blood Donation Center, 4050 Lindell Blvd

9/29/2020: 7:45 a.m. - 2:45 p.m., St Louis Blood Donation Center, 4050 Lindell Blvd

9/29/2020: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Anheuser-Busch, 1200 Lynch Street

9/30/2020: 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Palladium St. Louis, 1400 Park Place

9/30/2020: 12:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m., St Louis Blood Donation Center, 4050 Lindell Blvd

9/30/2020: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Hampton Inn & Suites, 5650 Oakland Avenue

Warren

Wright City

9/16/2020: 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., Wright City Lions Club, 678 Westwood Road

Important COVID-19 information for donors

The Red Cross is testing blood, platelet and plasma donations for COVID-19 antibodies. The test may indicate if the donor's immune system has produced antibodies to this coronavirus, regardless of whether they developed symptoms. Red Cross antibody tests will be helpful to identify individuals who have COVID-19 antibodies and may qualify to be convalescent plasma donors. Convalescent plasma is a type of blood donation collected from COVID-19 survivors that have antibodies that may help patients who are actively fighting the virus. Donors can expect to receive the results of their antibody test within 7 to 10 days through the Red Cross Blood Donor App or the donor portal at [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org).

The Red Cross is not testing donors to diagnose illness, referred to as a diagnostic test. To protect the health and safety of Red Cross staff and donors, it is important that individuals who do not feel well or believe they may be ill with COVID-19 postpone donation.

Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and [additional precautions](#) – including temperature checks, social distancing and face coverings for donors and staff – have been implemented to help protect the health of all those in attendance. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive and are required to wear a face covering or mask while at the drive, in alignment with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention public guidance.

How to donate blood

A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to [donate blood](#). High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can 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, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Blood Donor App.

About the American Red Cross

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40% 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 or cruzrojaamericana.org, or visit us on Twitter at [@RedCross](https://twitter.com/RedCross).

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