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***Urgent Need for O Negative Blood at Cape Cod Hospital***

(**Hyannis, November 25, 2019**) The Cape Cod Hospital Blood Bank is in urgent need of O negative blood donors. While all blood types are needed on a regular basis, there is currently a shortage of O Negative, in particular.

Those with O Negative blood are considered “universal donors,” since the blood can be transfused to almost any patient in need, regardless of their blood type. This puts O Negative donors in the unique position to help people who are in critical need of blood.

Several Cape Cod Healthcare blood drives are scheduled in the coming weeks, including:

**Wednesday, November 27th**

**Falmouth Hospital**

**10 am – 3:30 pm**

**100 Ter Huen Drive**

**Falmouth**

**Friday, November 29th**

**11am – 5 pm**

**Market Basket**

**1 Factory Outlet Rd**

**Bourne**

**Wednesday, December 4th**

**12 – 5 pm**

**Chatham Community Center**

**702 Main Street**

**Chatham**

**Saturday, December 7th**

**10 am– 4 pm**

**Brewster for the Holidays**

**Lemon Tree Village**

**1069 Route 6A**

**Brewster**

**Tuesday, December 10th**

**12:30 – 5 pm**

**Seamen’s Bank**

**2746 Route 6**

**Wellfleet**

**Wednesday, December 11th**

**12 noon – 6 pm**

**@ Bass River Rod & Gun Club**

**621 Route 6A**

**Yarmouthport**

**Thursday, December 12th**

**10 am – 4 pm**

**Cape Cod Museum of Natural History**

**869 Route 6A**

**Brewster**

**Friday, December 13th**

**11 am – 4:30 pm**

**St. Joan of Arc**

**61 Canal Rd**

**Orleans**

Donations can also be made at the Nicholas G. Xiarhos Blood Donor Center at Cape Cod Hospital. The Donor Center is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. To make an appointment to donate blood or to find an upcoming blood drive in your area, please visit [www.capecodhealth.org/give-Blood](http://www.capecodhealth.org/give-Blood).

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