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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Memorial Blood Centers Issues Urgent Call for Blood Donors  
Donate During June for a Chance to Win Minnesota Twins Tickets**

**May 25, 2021 (St Paul, MN)** – Amid the ongoing challenges of recruiting blood donors during the COVID-19 pandemic, local nonprofit Memorial Blood Centers (MBC) is facing a shortage of blood and platelet donations.

The need for blood is constant, but due to the pandemic, many drives have been canceled or postponed. To replenish supplies for Twin Cities' hospitals, trauma centers, and air ambulance bases, more healthy donors are needed at blood drives and donor centers in the coming weeks. Appointments can be made online at [MBC.ORG](http://MBC.ORG) or by calling 1-888-GIVE-BLD (888-448-3253).

**As a thank you, all presenting donors through June 30<sup>th</sup> will be entered in for a chance to win weekly drawings for Minnesota Twins Tickets**

More than 50% of the blood supply was lost when community blood drives were cancelled due to COVID-19 this year, and the supply remains low (less than a 3-day supply of all blood types). Blood drives are resuming, with additional precautions at all donation sites; appointments are preferred to help maintain social distancing, and donors are required to wear a face mask or face covering.

Blood donation is safe and essential, and MBC has a [COVID-19 self-screening policy](#) in addition to general eligibility guidelines. In general, you may be eligible to donate if you are:

- In good health
- 17 years or older—or 16 with written parental consent (PDF available on MBC.ORG)
- At least 110 pounds
- Free of antibiotics for 24 hours, unless taken for preventative reasons
- Symptom-free for at least 72 hours following a cold or flu

Visit [MBC.ORG](http://MBC.ORG) to find your nearest drive or donor center, or to make an appointment at one of the public blood drives below.

Date	Sponsor	Location	City	Time
6/1/21	Nokomis Tattoo	4933 S 34th Avenue	Minneapolis	2:00 pm - 8:00 pm
6/2/21	Intrepid USA	7300 Metro Blvd	Edina	9:00 am - 2:00 pm
6/3/21	Brian Wagner & Sarah Kinney-- Coldwell Banker Realty	860 Saint Clair Ave	Saint Paul	11:00am-5:00pm
6/3/21	Snap Install, Inc.	7001 E Fish Lake Rd	Maple Grove	10:00 am - 3:00 pm
6/5/21	Ellen's Birthday Blood Drive	5697 Norwich Pkwy	Stillwater	12:00pm-5:00pm

6/5/21	St. Barnabas Lutheran Church	15600 Old Rockford Road	Plymouth	8:00 am - 1:00 pm
6/7/21	Orthology - Woodbury	707 Bielenberg Drive	Woodbury	12:00pm-5:00pm
6/7/21	City of New Hope	4251 Xylon Ave N	New Hope	1:00 pm - 6:00 pm
6/7/21	City of Crystal	4141 Douglas Drive	Crystal	1:00 pm - 6:00 pm
6/10/21	Avidor - Edina	5220 Eden Avenue	Edina	1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
6/10/21	Mound Westonka Community	The Gillespie Center	Mound	11:00 am - 6:00 pm
6/11/21	Ridgeview Medical Center	500 S Maple St	Waconia	8:00 am - 2:00 pm
6/12/21	Waite Park Community	1810 34th Ave NE	Minneapolis	12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
6/13/21	St. Andrew Knights of Columbus	566 4th St. NW	Elk River	8:30 am - 1:00 pm
6/14/21	Anoka Halloween Committee	1829 5th Avenue South	Anoka	3:00 pm - 8:00 pm
6/15/21	Shakopee Chamber & Visitor's Bureau	2250 17th Ave E	Shakopee	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
6/16/21	City of Burnsville	100 Civic Center Parkway	Burnsville	8:00am-2:00pm
6/17/21	Isanti Community	208 1/2 1st Ave NW	Isanti	12:00 pm - 6:00 pm
6/18/21	Woodbury Community	1925 Woodwinds Dr.	Woodbury	9:00am-2:00pm
6/19/21	Elena Perfect Honorary Blood Drive	1031 St. Clair Ave	Saint Paul	10:00am-4:00pm
6/19/21	Life Time Fitness - Edina	250 Southdale Center	Edina	9:00 am - 3:00 pm
6/20/21	Stone Arch Bridge Festival	219 Main Street	Minneapolis	11:00 am - 4:00 pm
6/21/21	Indeed Brewing	711 15th Aveue NE	Minneapolis	12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
6/24/21	Becker Community	11500 Sherburne Ave	Becker	12:00 pm - 6:00 pm
6/24/21	Vista Lutheran Church	4003 Wooddale Avenue South	St. Louis Park	3:00 pm - 7:00 pm
6/25/21	Knights of Columbus-State	3800 American Blvd E	Bloomington	9:00am - 3:00 pm
6/25/21	Highland Park Community Blood Drive	1978 Ford Parkway	Saint Paul	10:00am-3:00pm
6/26/21	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints- Buffalo	3933 Highway 25 North	Buffalo	9:00 am - 3:00 pm
6/27/21	Servant of Christ Lutheran Church	740 Hayden Lake Rd	Champlin	8:00 am - 1:00 pm
6/27/21	Midtown Global Market	920 E Lake St	Minneapolis	11:00am-4:00pm
6/28/21	Annunciation Catholic Church	509 West 54th Street	Minneapolis	12:00pm-6:00pm
6/28/21	Word Of Peace Lutheran Church	Rogers Community Room	Rogers	12:00 pm - 6:00 pm
6/30/21	TOPWASH - Anoka	3201 Round Lake Blvd	Anoka	11:30 am - 4:30 pm
6/30/21	OMNI Brewing Company	9462 Deerwood Lane North	Maple Grove	2:30 pm - 7:30 pm

### About Memorial Blood Centers

Memorial Blood Centers (MBC) has been saving lives since 1948 as an independent nonprofit. MBC relies on the local community to donate blood to help ensure a safe and stable blood supply is available to area hospitals and other partners throughout the country. With operations in Minnesota and Wisconsin, MBC is a division of New York Blood Centers Enterprises (NYBCe), serving communities across the country. For more information, call 1-888-GIVE-BLD (1-888-448-3253) or visit [MBC.ORG](http://MBC.ORG). Connect with us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

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