

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has now removed the referral guidelines for potential donors who were deferred from donating blood because of Mad Cow Disease. This means that many of those individuals who were ineligible to donate blood because they spent time in the United Kingdom from 1980-1996; or spent time in France & Ireland from 1980-2001; or received a blood transfusion in the United Kingdom, France, or Ireland from 1980-2022 are now eligible to donate blood at SunCoast Blood Centers!

MORE GREAT NEWS……You can now donate platelets on the bloodmobile due to the high volume of need at the SMH Cancer Center, Moffitt Cancer and Florida Cancer. We have new machines that reduce the length of donation. Males can donate that day and a female will have to have a HLA test and can donate the next drive if eligible. Platelets only last 5 days. One drop of your blood contains as many as 1,500,000-4,000,000 1 platelets. Every time you donate platelets, you get a $25 Amazon e-card. You can donate platelets in as little as 45 minutes for men, 55 minutes for women.

SunCoast Bloodmobile will be at First Presbyterian Church, Sunday September 18, 8:30-1:30. Please contact Cheryl Track, Faith Community Nurse to register for blood donation, 941-320-3828, 4tracks@comcast.net

Please contact Cassie at SunCoast Blood Centers, 941-374-4630 to arrange your platelet donation.