



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

BLOOD DRIVE HOSTING LOCATIONS NEEDED

Your efforts to help deliver our lifesaving blood services mission have never been more important. Hosting a blood drive would help keep the blood supply stable during this challenging time and prevent shortages that could impact patient care.

Register online at: www.rcblood.org/host

A representative from the local Red Cross office will reach out to you.

See site requirements on the following page.



SITE REQUIREMENTS

Below are the general site requirements. Our local team would review a site to determine how best to set up the drive and meet social distancing requirements. Blood drive hours and goals would also be recommended after a physical site review. We would work with you in advance to review any blood drive site and answer any questions. In general, the location would need to have:

- **Optimally 1200 sq. ft. or more. Location on the first floor or with minimal stairs or elevator access.**
- **Donation site is in one room with no obstacles (i.e. columns). Pre-screening would generally take place outside the donation site.**
- **Minimum 4 electrical outlets.**
- **Tables and chairs, depending on the blood drive size.**
- **Bathrooms are close to donation site on same floor.**
- **Site has ability to control temperature in the room (AC or heat).**
- **Site will accept wireless equipment; site has nothing to impact wireless signal.**
- **Site has good lighting.**
- **Parking is accessible for donors, staff; easy access to unloading of equipment (ramp or dock if needed).**

As the number of COVID-19 cases grow, we do expect cancelled blood drives to increase. That's why we are reaching out and asking for partners to host blood drives in the community so we can continue to deliver our essential service and donors can continue to give. Together, we must ensure a readily available blood supply for patients who are counting on us.

The American Red Cross has an ongoing critical need for blood and amidst coronavirus uncertainties.

Blood drives continue to be canceled at an alarming rate – nearly, 9000 so far – but we continue to urge blood drive hosts to maintain scheduled blood drives whenever possible as we look for new locations where people can give to make up for the more than 250,000 fewer blood donations.
