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AABB's Coronavirus Resources



This page includes resources and information for the blood community regarding coronavirus. As the blood community continues to address the ongoing spread of the 2019 novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2), which causes COVID-19, AABB will provide updates through this web page.

Important Information On Blood Donation

- ["We Need People to Start Turning Out in Force to Give Blood"](#) - joint press release (last updated 03/12/20)
- [Statement on Coronavirus and Blood Donation](#) - provided by AABB Disaster Task Force (last updated 03/06/20)
- [Coronavirus and Blood Donation – Key Messages](#) - provided by AABB Disaster Task Force (last updated 03/03/20)
- [Press Release on Coronavirus and Blood Donation](#) - provided by AABB Disaster Task Force (last updated 03/04/20)
- [Joint Letter to CDC on Importance of Blood Donation](#) (last updated 03/12/20)

Hospitals/Transfusion Services

- [COVID-19 Resource List](#) - master list of links for HHS, CDC, FDA, WHO and AABB's Interorganizational Task Force (last updated 03/18/20)
- [Tips for Hospitals – Extending the Blood Supply](#) (last updated 03/17/20)
- [AABB's Blood Supply Message to Hospital Leadership](#) (last updated 03/09/20)

Blood Centers

- [AABB's COVID-19 Outbreak Planning Checklist](#) (MS Word) (last updated 03/06/20)
- [Association Bulletin #20-02 - Recommendations for Providing a Safe Environment for Blood Donation During the COVID-19 Epidemic](#) (last updated 3/19/20)

- [AABB's Regulatory Updates for COVID-19](#) - master list of regulatory updates dating back to January 10, 2020 (last updated 03/17/20)
- [Impact of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus on Blood Donation](#) - written and updated by AABB Transfusion-Transmitted Diseases Committee (last updated 02/25/20)
- [AABB's Resources for FDA's Updated Information for Blood Establishments Regarding the Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Outbreak](#) (last updated 03/18/20)
- [Donor Center Focus on Safety](#) (last updated 03/13/20)
- [Focus on Blood Center Staff Wellness and Safety](#) (last updated 03/13/20)

Resources and Links for COVID-19

- [COVID-19 Resource List](#) - master list of links for HHS, CDC, FDA, WHO and AABB's Interorganizational Task Force (last updated 03/18/20)

Positions

- [Joint Letter to CDC on Importance of Blood Donation](#) (last updated 03/12/20)

Social Media Images and Resources

- [Infographic](#)
- [Facebook](#)
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AABB's COVID-19 Working Group

The AABB COVID-19 Working Group was formed in March 2020 to support blood collection centers and transfusion services with the potential adverse impact on the blood supply as the blood community continues to address the spread of coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2), which causes COVID-19. Blood centers and transfusion services must have robust strategies to help protect the health and safety of donors, patients and staff in the event of an infectious disease outbreak (i.e. influenza, coronavirus). Effective communication, current information and education are key to successful strategies. AABB's COVID-19 Working Group will provide education and tools to support planning and preparation, donor and staff safety, communications and continuity of operations necessary to promote a blood safety and availability during this outbreak.

The Working Group will:

1. Actively monitor current information and data pertaining to COVID-19 and its impact on blood safety and availability; donor recruitment; the safety of donors, patients and staff; and operational continuity. The Working Group will collaborate with AABB's Transfusion Transmitted Diseases Committee and Donor History Task Force, related organizations and others as needed.
2. Provide guidance and resources for blood centers and hospital transfusion services as they prepare for the impact of this evolving public health concern and its potential adverse impacts on blood safety and availability.

3. Provide support to AABB's Interorganizational Task Force on Domestic Disasters and Acts of Terrorism, which is responsible for taking "the lead in coordinating recognition and communication of shortages, movement of components and public messages about the blood supply" at the time of a disaster.

The COVID-19 Working Group, whose role does not address disasters, remains available to support the work of the AABB's [Interorganizational Task Force on Domestic Disasters and Acts of Terrorism](#) as requested by that group.

Please contact regulatory@aabb.org with questions and concerns.

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