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been so simple
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significant.

One pint of blood
saves three lives.



Visit the **Donor Portal** to find a drive or make an appointment at **lifesouth.org**

Give local. Save local.

April 2, 2020 • 10 AM - 4 PM
at Town Hall, 9575 Vaughn Rd

**Make an appointment today, and help us meet the need
for blood donations in our community and beyond!**

IT IS SAFE TO GIVE BLOOD
NEED FOR ALL BLOOD TYPES

Click here or call LifeSouth at (334) 260-0803 to register now!

All donors will receive a recognition item and a free cholesterol screening. Donors must be 16 or older, weigh at least 110 pounds, and show photo I.D. 16-year-olds require written parental permission.



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Frequently Asked Questions

DONATE

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IS DONATING BLOOD STILL SAFE?

Yes. COVID-19 does not pose any known risk to blood donors during the donation process or from attending blood drives. Since blood donors must be healthy, feeling well and without fever on the day of donation, the risk of exposure to a sick person is extremely low at a blood drive. No cases of coronavirus or flu virus have been linked to donating blood.

CAN CORONAVIRUS BE TRANSMITTED THROUGH BLOOD TRANSFUSION?

No. Respiratory viruses like COVID-19 are not transmitted through the blood. Exposure to the virus occurs through person-to-person contact when an infected person coughs or sneezes, spraying small droplets that land on people or surfaces. COVID-19 enters the body when someone who has come into contact with these respiratory droplets touches their eyes, nose or mouth. According to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), there have been no reported or suspected cases of transfusion-transmitted COVID-19.

WHAT MEASURES ARE LIFESOUTH IMPLEMENTING TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19?

As a healthcare organization, LifeSouth is always committed to maintaining the cleanest possible donor areas and equipment. LifeSouth continues to ensure a safe and sanitary environment for donors by keeping hands clean, wearing protective equipment like gloves and sterilizing surfaces that come into contact with donors and staff. In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, we have increased our sanitation protocols for high traffic and frequently touched locations. Additionally, our staff has been instructed not to report to work if they are feeling unwell.

LifeSouth requires that anyone who comes to donate is required to be feeling healthy and well; donors are asked if they are feeling well on their donor history questionnaire as soon as they register and are not permitted to stay and donate if they report any symptoms of illness. Donors have their temperature taken before giving blood and are deferred from donating if they have a fever. A poster at the registration desk reminds donors not to give if they are feeling unwell or have been in contact with someone who may be infected with COVID-19.

WHY SHOULD I CONTINUE TO GIVE BLOOD?

Even under normal circumstances, maintaining a safe and adequate blood supply is a challenge. The need for blood never stops, even when our normal routines do. As concerns over COVID-19 grip the nation, blood banks are experiencing blood shortages as blood drives are cancelled and people adjust their routines to limit their exposure.

Blood has a short shelf life. It needs to be already processed and tested to be used in an emergency. If there isn't enough blood on the shelves, that means it isn't there for individuals who need emergency surgery, cancer patients and others who depend on transfusions to live.

In the event of a global crisis, people often report feeling powerless, or wishing they could do something to help. By donating blood, you are giving directly to the health of your community at a time when it is needed most.

HOW CAN I HELP IF I CANNOT DONATE BLOOD?

Throughout the outbreak of COVID-19, a large number of LifeSouth's blood drives have been canceled. This has allowed our blood supply to dwindle to critical levels. Hosting a blood drive with your business or organization is one way that you can help. You can also help by talking to your friends and family and sharing the word on social media about the vital importance of blood donation and how it has been affected by the outbreak.

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