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Blood Drive Cancellations Amid Coronavirus Concerns Poses Significant Risk to the Local Blood Supply

Sarasota, FL- SunCoast Blood Centers is in urgent need of donors to replenish the local blood supply. People are staying home to isolate themselves from the coronavirus and not venturing out to donate at the community blood drives we have scheduled. Blood drives make up nearly 70% of the blood needed for the community, but with people staying home, our blood supplies have plummeted. According to SunCoast Blood Centers, “there is only 2-day supply of blood of blood for the community.”

Scott Bush, CEO of SunCoast Blood Centers states, “Many people do not realize that blood is perishable and has a relatively short shelf-life, so it must continually be replenished. Blood products save lives every minute of every day, so every single blood donation is needed. For people that are blessed with good health and wellness, it becomes our responsibility to help those that are less fortunate by donating these life-giving blood components.”

Donating blood is safe and there is no known risk of passing or getting the coronavirus through a blood transfusion. SunCoast Blood Centers, your only local blood bank, are encouraging everyone that feels well to please consider scheduling an appointment with the information provided below.

SunCoast donor center or mobile blood drive location near you, visit suncoastblood.org or call 1-866-97-BLOOD.

The life you save may be your own, or the person you love the most!

About SunCoast Blood Center - A registered 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, SunCoast Blood Centers has provided a reliable supply of safe blood products and services for our community since 1949. SunCoast is the exclusive supplier of blood products and services for Sarasota Memorial Healthcare System, Doctors Hospital of Sarasota, Manatee Memorial Hospital, Lakewood Ranch Medical Center, Complex Care Hospital of Ridgelake, Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Sarasota, North Port Emergency Room, Fawcett Memorial Hospital of Port Charlotte, Englewood Community Hospital and DeSoto Memorial Hospital.

SunCoast Blood Centers donation centers:

Sarasota

Main Location
1760 Mound Street
Sarasota, FL 34236

Lakewood Ranch

Lakewood Ranch Plaza
1731 LWR Blvd.
Bradenton, FL 3421

Bradenton

Bayshore Shopping Center
6026 14th Street W.
Bradenton, FL 34207

Venice

Bird Bay Plaza
539 US Hwy 41 Bypass
North Venice, FL 34285