



**American  
Red Cross**

**Blood  
Services**

**Right now, the American Red Cross has an ongoing critical need for blood product donations as uncertainties remain during this coronavirus pandemic. Blood drives continue to be canceled at an alarming rate and patients need a sufficient blood supply throughout the many weeks of this crisis and beyond. Healthy individuals are needed to schedule an appointment to give in the days and weeks ahead to help patients counting on lifesaving blood, platelets or AB Elite plasma.**

Donating blood products is essential to community health and eligible donors are strongly urged to donate during the COVID-19 outbreak. As part of our nation's critical infrastructure, healthy individuals can still donate in areas that have issued shelter in place declarations. The Red Cross also urges organizations to maintain scheduled blood drives. The Red Cross follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and volunteer donors are the only source of blood for those in need.

This blood shortage could impact patients who need surgery, victims of car accidents and other emergencies, or patients fighting cancer. **One of the most important things you can do to ensure we don't have another health care crisis on top of coronavirus is make an appointment to donate.**

You can still go out and give blood. We're worried about potential blood shortages in the future. Social distancing does not have to mean social disengagement.

- US Surgeon General, Jerome Adams

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