

Coordinator e-News

Common Eligibility Questions

The following is an update on some common donor eligibility questions. This information is regulated by the FDA and is subject to change. The following is intended to be used as a guideline only, a tool to help you with recruitment. It is in no way all-inclusive, and should not be reproduced.

We encourage donors with specific eligibility questions to call the Community Blood Center at (800) 280-4102 or (920) 738-3131.

Travel – These guidelines change frequently, please call the Community Blood Center

Cancer – For some types of cancer, donors are now eligible one year after their last treatment; please call the Community Blood Center

Low Iron – The donor is eligible if they have a minimum Hematocrit level of 38

Chicken Pox vaccination – Donors are eligible four weeks after vaccination

Flu or Pneumonia shot – If symptom-free, donors are eligible immediately

Tetanus Shot – If the shot is given as a booster or because of an employment requirement, donors are eligible immediately

Lymes disease - The donor is eligible if they are feeling healthy and 12 months have passed since they completed antibiotic treatments

General surgery – The donor must have been released by their doctor and be back to normal activities. If the donor received a blood transfusion, please call the Community Blood Center

Tattoos and Permanent Makeup – If the procedure was done by a physician or a licensed facility in Wisconsin or Iowa, the donor is eligible immediately

Body Piercing – If the procedure was done by a physician, at a place like Wal-Mart or the mall, or at a licensed facility in Wisconsin or Iowa, the donor is eligible immediately

Common Cold – Eligible to donate if the donor is not experiencing flu-like symptoms, sore throat or fever; a clear runny nose is okay

Upper Respiratory or Flu – Eligible to donate if the donor is symptom-free for 72 hours

Stitches – If the donor's stitches are removed and the wound is healed, they are eligible to donate

Diabetes – If the donor's numbers are stable and they are in good health, they are generally accepted to donate

High/Low Blood Pressure – Numbers must be stable at the time of donation. Acceptable ranges:

Systolic: 90-180 mm

Diastolic: 50-100 mm

Current Medication Deferral List – Proscar, Avodart, Propecia, Accutane, Soriatane, Tegison, Growth Hormone from Human Pituitary Gland, Insulin from Cows, Hepatitis B Immune Globulin, Unlicensed Vaccine, Plavix, Ticlid, Warfarin, Coumadin

Superstar Ideas

Becky Gibson, winner of the Northwoods "Overall Excellence Award" for 2007 has a great idea to increase donors and have more FUN at the drive. She asked the staff at Marshfield Clinic if they owned a home business, and would be willing to provide information on their business and donate an item to be raffled. One staff member has a cheese business and will bring in cheese curds for the drive. Great idea, Becky!

Ray Knapstein, coordinator for Holy Family Church, enlisted the Knights of Columbus to make phone calls and recruit donors. They had a great drive and provided homemade treats, which made for a friendly atmosphere in the canteen. Many thanks, Ray!



Coordinator Handbooks

The coordinator handbook is a great tool to use for blood drives. The table of contents can help you locate articles and facts to share with your group!

If you have not received your coordinator handbook, please ask your Recruiter to bring one to you.

2009 Blood Drives

We may still be thinking about the summer of '08, but the blood drive schedule is filling up fast for 2009.

Please contact your Recruiter to get your blood drives dates scheduled for next year!

Coordinator Of the Month

The St. Mary's Hospital Blood Drive was a huge success! Coordinators Sue Fowler and Jacci Hauser did a great job recruiting donors and scheduling staff members.

They offered 3 raffle prizes: a flowering hanging plant, a gift certificate at the hospital gift shop, and a blanket.

Luckily, the weather cooperated and there was sunshine on the day of the drive— much better than the snow storm at the previous drive!

There were 45 donors, including staff and a large number of walk-ins.

Way to go, St. Mary's Hospital!