

# Covid- 19 Convalescent Plasma

## FACTS TO KNOW

Recently the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has authorized the emergency use of convalescent plasma for individual patients who are critically ill with COVID-19.

Although many details remain uncertain, The Blood Connection (TBC) is preparing to collect and distribute these products for patient treatment. We anticipate that we would be ready to begin this collection as of Monday, April 6, 2020. This document is intended to serve as a guideline on the situation as of current date.

### **Donor Requirements:**

\*Donors must meet regular donor criteria

- Donor must have had a previous/documented positive test and the test must have been at least 28 days in the past. Positive test documentation/results can include the following:
  - A copy of the donor lab results showing a positive test for COVID-19 which shows the date of the positive test
  - A document from their healthcare provider stating that the donor had a positive test for COVID-19 and the date of the positive test. This document must be on the letter-head or prescription pad of the healthcare provider and must be signed and dated by the healthcare provider.
- Donor must be symptom-free for at least 28 days prior to donating with TBC
- Donors **MUST** make an appointment for collection at one of the TBC collection centers (visit our website for location information: [www.thebloodconnection.org](http://www.thebloodconnection.org))

## INTERESTED IN DONATING PLASMA?

If you have recovered from COVID-19 and wish to donate, please contact us to make an appointment by calling (864) 751-1168.

## HAVE MORE QUESTIONS?

Donors can email [donoradvocacy@thebloodconnection.org](mailto:donoradvocacy@thebloodconnection.org) or go to [thebloodconnection.org/covid-19](http://thebloodconnection.org/covid-19) for more information. Please be aware that we do NOT test for COVID-19. You should contact your health care provider if you want to be tested.

**Thank you for your willingness to donate!**