



Blood Drive Details

- Drive Date: Sunday, March 7, 2021
- Location: Gymnasium
- Drive Hours: 8:00 am to 12:45 pm

Donors are encouraged to make an appointment. [Click here to schedule your lifesaving appointment](#)

Information for donors:

- Blood donation is essential.
- We are taking additional safety measures due to COVID-19. <https://www.vitalant.org/COVID-FAQs>
- Potential donors are encouraged to review Blood Donor Qualifications prior to making an appointment. [Donor Qualifications](#)
- Fast Track – Donors can complete the health questionnaire online prior to arriving at the drive. The questionnaire must be completed the same day as the donation and barcode needs to be presented at the drive. This can also be completed at the drive. [Fast Track Link](#)
- Due to social distancing, we are asking that everyone arrive for their appointment on time.
- The donation process takes about an hour. With social distancing, it might be a little longer.
- Donors should arrive well hydrated and nourished.
- Donors need photo identification with first and last name.
- Donors are required to wear a face mask or reasonable cloth-based face covering at blood drives or donation centers. [Click here for CDC guidance on cloth-based face coverings.](#)

The Minimum age to donate is 16. 16-year olds need a Vitalant Parent Consent Form- Rev 7. The consent form can be printed from this site: <https://www.vitalant.org/Resources/Donor-Forms/Minor-Donor-Permit.aspx>

Beginning June 1, Vitalant started testing all completed blood donations for antibodies to SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. We are doing this to discover donors who may be able to

donate convalescent plasma (CCP) in order to help patients fighting COVID-19. As the only approved antibody treatment for COVID-19, continued surges in the number of patients diagnosed (coupled with an uncertain future) fuels interest from physicians and hospitals; requests for CCP are increasing. Please share this important news with your donors: [COVID-19 Antibody Testing Frequently Asked Questions.](#)

What the public needs to know:

- Giving blood is essential and you are allowed to leave your home to do so. Blood is essential and donors are essential.
- Blood drives are not “gatherings” but essential healthcare activities. Dr. Jerome Adams, U.S. Surgeon General recently encouraged healthy Americans to go out and give blood. Blood is perishable and precious. There is no substitute. We need donors ongoing.
- Appointments are encouraged.
- We are not a testing center.
- Donors need to be in general good health – no flu or cold like symptoms.
- Giving blood has no impact on the donor's immune system.
- All donors should review Blood Donor Qualifications prior to making an appointment. Please [Click Here](#) for donor eligibility information. If you have eligibility questions, please call 1-800-289-4923 or email eligible2donate@vitalant.org.

What steps will be taken to reduce transmission of COVID-19?

- We are encouraging appointments to reduce crowding.
- Appointments are limited to reduce waiting.
- Walk-ins will be accommodated only if space allows. Otherwise, we will take the person's contact information and call them when/if a space opens up.
- We are changing our set up to meet social distancing requirements.
- Vitalant staff follow rigorous safety and disinfection protocols at blood drives and donation centers.
- We are taking temperatures upon entry of the donation center/blood drive.
- To learn more, visit <https://www.vitalant.org/COVID-FAQs>