



*COMMUNITY COMES FIRST*

Hello CBB Community,

We here at Community Blood Bank know that we are asking you to continue donating blood throughout the COVID-19 crisis, so we want to explain what we are doing to ensure your health and safety at our Erie Donor Center and mobile blood drives throughout our area.

Community Blood Bank is regularly inspected by the Food & Drug Administration (FDA), state departments of health, American Association of Blood Banks and other organizations. As such, we routinely maintain stringent standards for your health and safety. However, our staff members are taking extra precautionary measures amid COVID-19.

There will be a few changes when you enter the Erie Donor Center or any mobile blood drives:

- Expect a staff member to take your temperature upon entering any of our draw sites beginning Tuesday, March 17. Your temperature will be taken again as part of our routine screening process. CBB is also taking staff members' temperatures before they begin their workday to ensure everyone at our blood drives is feeling healthy and well.
- Donation snacks are available at the front desk at our Erie Donor Center, or from a staff member at mobile blood drives. This will eliminate common bowls of items.
- Staff members wipe down all clip boards, pens, chairs, etc. after every donor.
- Additional sanitizer wipes and hand sanitizer is available for your use throughout the donation process.

It is important to know blood drives and donation sites are not considered mass gatherings, rather they occur in controlled environments with a healthy population.

The Community Blood Bank is at a less than one-day supply of blood. Approximately 20 blood drives have been canceled over the next several weeks due to the closure of schools, businesses and organizations. That equates to approximately 450 units of blood lost to our community's hospitals – about 25% of units we expected to collect in the next month. More than ever, we are asking healthy individuals to donate blood as soon as possible.

Our mobile blood drive schedule is being updated regularly. Please go to [fourhearts.org](http://fourhearts.org) to find a mobile drive near you or visit us at 2646 Peach Street in Erie. We are open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Wednesday 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

The need for blood is constant, and it must be replenished. Babies will still be born prematurely, cancer patients will still rely on platelets, and accidents, traumas and emergency surgeries will still occur.

Thank you for being a blood donor,

Deanna Renaud  
Executive Director