AABB-Accredited Blood Donor Centers
Focus on Donor Safety First

AABB-accredited blood donor centers are:
• Required to follow AABB Standards to protect donor safety.
• Taking donor safety seriously as they respond to evolving concerns related to coronavirus.
• Implementing additional donor safety measures to further protect donors.

Communicating a commitment to keep donors safe is key. AABB encourages blood centers to provide online education material regarding your focus on donor safety and the decision to implement additional measures to protect donors. When facilities implement these additional safety measures – let donors know!

The following safety measures will help protect donors, demonstrate that donor safety is a priority and ensure confidence in the process.
✓ Follow a donation-by-appointment-only policy.
✓ Limit donor center access to individuals with appointments who are not accompanied by others.
✓ Take the temperature of each individual at the time of arrival at the blood center.
✓ Ask donors to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before and after donation.
✓ Give donors more space during the entire process by increasing the distance between donors in the screening, collection and refreshment areas. Move the furniture and equipment so that it is spaced appropriately apart.
✓ Duplicate this strategy for increased spacing on bloodmobiles by limiting collections to only two donors at a time.
✓ Follow procedures for cleaning and disinfecting all areas and increase the frequency, such as cleaning the donor bed and other surfaces in the collection area after each donor.
✓ Increase the frequency for cleaning and disinfecting the donor screening and refreshment areas, restrooms, door knobs and other surfaces.
✓ Empty waste bins frequently.
✓ Serve each donor individually wrapped snacks and drinks, limiting exposure to the supply, rather than allowing all donors access to the supply of snacks and drinks.