**BLOOD DONOR EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL FOR**

**EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE OR INFECTION**

This information applies following the CDC’s classification of one or more countries as having “widespread transmission or cases in urban areas with uncertain control measures” at this link: <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/outbreaks/2014-west-africa/distribution-map.html>.

Blood collection facilities must reduce the risk of collecting blood and blood components from a donor who may be infected with Ebola virus. It is possible that an Ebola virus infected person may not have symptoms of infection during the incubation period. In addition, anyone who has EVER had Ebola virus infection or disease may be at risk for transmitting the virus through blood donation, regardless of the length of time since recovery.

Ebola virus is transmitted from human to human by direct exposure to body fluids (such as blood, urine, stool, saliva, semen, vaginal fluids or vomit) from infected individuals. Healthcare workers, and family and friends providing care may have direct exposure to body fluids of infected patients. If direct exposure occurs, a person is at high risk of developing Ebola virus infection and must not donate blood or blood components.

**DO NOT DONATE BLOOD if:**

* You have **EVER** had Ebola virus disease or infection
* In the **PAST 8 WEEKS,** you have lived in, or travelled to, a country with widespread Ebola virus disease or infection.
* In the **PAST 8 WEEKS,** you have had sexual contact with a person has **EVER** had Ebola virus disease or infection, regardless of the length of time since recovery.
* In the **PAST 8 WEEKS,** you have had direct exposure to the body fluids (such as blood, urine, stool, saliva, semen, vaginal fluids or vomit) of a person with Ebola virus disease or infection, including a person under investigation.
* In the **PAST 8 WEEKS,** you have you been notified by a public health authority that you may have been exposed to a person with Ebola virus disease or infection.

**PLEASE CONTACT THE DONOR CENTER, if you develop the following symptoms within the**

**8 week period following donation:**

Fever Diarrhea

Severe Headache **followed by:** Vomiting

Muscle Pain and Weakness Abdominal Pain

Fatigue hemorrhage (bleeding or bruising)