

ENHANCING DONOR SAFETY DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Social Distancing

Considerations for maintaining six-foot separation between all individuals, to the extent possible.

Move furniture and equipment

Stagger appointments



Limit number of appointments in enclosed areas (such as mobile units)



Have donors wait outside at a safe distance and be notified by text or phone when ready

Minimize crowding by discouraging donors from being accompanied by family members



No selfies with staff

Distribute individually wrapped snacks (to limit touching of snacks and avoid congregation in snack areas)



Check donors' temperatures upon arrival

Increase ventilation by opening windows or adjusting air conditioning

Infection Control



Increase frequency of cleaning and disinfection throughout the facility, including:

- The donor bed and other surfaces in the collection area after each donor
- The donor screening and refreshment areas
- Restrooms, doorknobs and other surfaces
- Donor screening tools such as clipboards, tablets, pens and styluses



Encourage donors to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer

before and after donation

Empty waste bins more frequently

Visit CDC for infection control guidance*

Staff Health and Safety

Follow CDC Interim Infection Control Guidance on COVID-19 for Personnel at Blood and Plasma Collection Facilities*



Consider daily temperature checks



Frequent hand washing

Follow CDC's hand hygiene guidance**



Provide training on signs and symptoms of COVID-19

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* <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/infection-control/blood-and-plasma-collection.html>

** <https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/guidelines/hand-hygiene/index.html>