



## **UPDATE:** Information about Novel Coronavirus Outbreak (COVID-19)

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Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) is now a pandemic viral disease. We want you to know what Bloodworks is doing to maintain the safety of the blood supply.

Donors please **wait 1 month to donate** if any of the following apply to you:

- You lived with, took care of or had close contact with individuals diagnosed with or suspected of having novel COVID-19 infection.
- You have been diagnosed or suspected of having novel COVID-19 infection.
  - If you are diagnosed with COVID-19 at any time after donation, please contact us: **(425)656-3077**. By doing so, you may prevent infecting the patient receiving a transfusion of your blood.

**In addition, the normal donor screening process includes evaluation of your health today, your travel history and your temperature. These criteria help us assure blood safety.**

If you are healthy and without the above conditions for at least one month, **we welcome you**. To date, CDC, FDA and local Public Health standards continue to allow blood donation from others who are well, including:

- *Potential* community or household exposure
- *Known* community or workplace exposure

Bloodworks is taking these steps in accordance with published FDA and CDC information. We will update our processes as more information becomes available. **The Washington State Department of Health has established a call center to address questions from the public. If you have questions about what is happening in Washington, how the virus spreads, and what to do if you have symptoms, please call 1-800-525-0127 and press #.**

**Thank you for helping save lives in our community!**