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Sports Arena Site For New Pop-Up Donor Center in Everett

Seattle Storm and Everett Silvertips Transform Angel Of The Winds Arena into Pop-Up Donor Center to Support Bloodworks Northwest and Everett Community.

Everett, WA — Bloodworks Northwest is joined by the Seattle Storm and Everett Silvertips in the effort to ensure a safe and reliable community blood supply amid the COVID-19 pandemic. From May 14 – June 6, 2020, the Edward D. Hansen Conference Center at Angel Of The Winds Arena will be transformed into a Pop-Up Donor Center experience and a lifeline for local patients.

Storm and Silvertip fans are urged to make their one-hour donation [appointment](#) today as a safe and essential action to support local patients. In accordance with current social distancing guidelines, only scheduled appointments will be allowed. No walk-ins, guests, or people under age 16 are permitted onsite. On the day of their appointment, fans are invited to wear team colors and spread the word with #WeGotThis. Every donor will receive a pair of tickets to an upcoming Storm and Silvertips game.

Social distancing recommendations have put a strain on opportunities to donate, as traditional blood drives and bloodmobiles are temporarily unavailable. Bloodworks has turned to an innovative alternative with Pop-Up Donor Centers that are held in large venues, allowing higher level of space and safety for donors and staff.

“We’re grateful to have Angel Of The Winds Arena opening its doors to Seattle Storm and Everett Silvertips fans and Snohomish County neighbors to ensure the local blood supply is ready to respond to the increased need for blood as hospitals prepare to resume elective surgeries,” said Bloodworks Northwest President & CEO Curt Bailey. “Together, these amazing teams and venue are giving 780 people an opportunity to donate lifesaving blood in May. The health and well-being of our community depends on repeat and first-time donors to lend an arm at this crucial time in honor of people who rely on blood transfusions to survive.”

“We are pleased to continue our support of the Bloodworks Northwest Pop-Up blood drives as they expand to Angel of the Winds Arena,” said Alisha Valavanis, Seattle Storm CEO and General Manager. “Along with the Everett Silvertips, we are proud to rally fans across the greater Puget Sound region to keep blood banks stocked amid the COVID-19 pandemic.”

“The Everett Silvertips want to continue to work with great community minded organizations to help in times of need, and when this opportunity arose we wanted to see how we could help make this event successful and meet the needs of the local patients and hospitals who rely on Bloodworks,” said Zoran Rajcic, Chief Operating Officer of the Everett Silvertips. “We have been blessed with great fan support throughout the years and hope everyone is staying safe and healthy. We encourage anyone who can come out to this event and donate blood to meet the needs in our community and region, and let’s show how much the fans of the Everett Silvertips like to give!”

Donors of all blood types are still needed every day to [make an appointment](#) to give blood in support of cancer patients, trauma victims, premature babies, or to treat severely ill COVID-19 patients, among others. As hospitals project the possibility of resuming elective surgeries, the Pop-Up safeguards the available blood on hand in case of a sudden spike in need.

“Right now, more than ever it’s important to be contributing to our community. The safety and well-being of our neighbors and guests is always our priority. When asked if we could provide space for such a worthy cause there was no hesitation,” said Everett Public Facilities District Board President Gary Weikel. “We want to continue to bring life into Everett and Snohomish County. By partnering with Bloodworks Northwest we’re able to be part of something great. Please join us by coming in and donating. You can also bring life to our community.”

Also supporting the effort are See’s Candies, Briotech, Diedrich Espresso, and Lombardi’s, which are providing extra refreshments and perks for all donors at the Angel Of The Winds Arena Pop-Up Donor Center.

Bloodworks has posted information addressing questions and concerns for blood donors at bloodworksnw.org/coronavirus. Blood donation takes about an hour from registration to post-donation refreshment. Information about [who can donate](#) and where, is available at www.bloodworksnw.org.

WHERE:

Edward D. Hansen Conference Center at Angel Of The Winds Arena
Third Floor Grand Ballroom
2000 Hewitt Ave
Everett, WA 98201

Entry is through the Edward D. Hansen Conference Center doors on Hewitt Ave. at Lombard Ave.

WHEN:

May 14 – June 6, 2020
Possibility of extension through June

Sign-Up Link: <https://schedule.bloodworksnw.org/DonorPortal/GroupLanding.aspx?s=496B>
By appointment only

Additional Resources:

For the latest information on COVID-19 please visit the [CDC website](#) and Washington State Department of Health [COVID-19 main page](#).

Bloodworks Donor Centers and Pop-Up Centers:

Appointments and information at [BloodworksNW.org](#) or 800-398-7888. Please check [website](#) for extended donor center hours.

Other Pop-Up Donor Centers: [T-Mobile Park](#), [South Sound](#), [ThinkSpace](#)

- [Bellevue Center](#)
1807 132nd Avenue NE
Bellevue, WA 98005
425-453-4011
- [Bellingham Center](#)
410 W Bakerview Rd., Suite 117
Bellingham, WA 98226
360-671-8848
- [Central Seattle](#)
921 Terry Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104
206-292-6500
- [Everett Center](#)
2703 Oakes Avenue
Everett, WA 98201
425-740-2909
- [Federal Way Center](#)
1414 S 324TH Street, B101
Federal Way, WA 98003
253-945-8660
- [Lynnwood Center](#)
19723 Highway 99, Suite F
Lynnwood, WA 98036
425-412-1000
- [Olympia Center](#)
1220 Eastside Street SE
Olympia, WA 98501
360-596-3950
- [North Seattle Center](#)
10357 Stone Avenue N
Seattle, WA 98133
206-526-1970
- [Silverdale Center](#)
3230 NW Randall Way
Silverdale, WA 98383
360-308-7340
- [Tukwila Center](#)
130 Andover Park E
Tukwila, WA 98188
206-241-6300
- [Vancouver, WA Donor Center](#)
9320 NE Vancouver Mall Blvd, Suite100
Vancouver, WA 98662
360-567-4800
- [Lane Center](#)
2211 Willamette St
Eugene, OR 97405
541-484-9111

About Bloodworks Northwest – Bloodworks Northwest is backed by 75 years of Northwest history and 250,000 donors. It is local, nonprofit, independent, volunteer-supported and community-based. A recognized leader in transfusion medicine, Bloodworks serves patients at hospitals in Washington, Oregon and Alaska — partnering closely with local hospitals to deliver the highest level of patient care. Comprehensive services include blood components, complex cross-matching, specialized lab services for organ transplants, care for patients with blood disorders, and collection of cord blood stem cells for cancer treatment. Bloodworks Research Institute performs leading-edge research in blood biology, transfusion medicine, blood storage and treatment of blood disorders. Patients with traumatic injuries, undergoing surgeries or organ transplantation, or receiving treatment for cancer and blood disorders all depend on our services, expertise, laboratories and research. Blood donation appointments can be scheduled at [bloodworksnw.org](#).

About Seattle Storm – The Seattle Storm is a three-time WNBA championship team committed to bringing a premium professional basketball and entertainment experience to a fan base rich in tradition and support. The organization places high value on community and building platforms to positively impact the overall entertainment, attraction and economy of the Puget Sound region. In addition, the Storm is dedicated to local youth development in the areas of fitness and wellness, with a special emphasis on inspiring leadership, motivation and the empowerment of girls and women. For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit StormBasketball.com.

About Seattle Silvertips –

The Everett Silvertips are a major junior ice hockey team and current members of the U.S. Division in the Western Conference of the Western Hockey League (WHL). The Silvertips joined the WHL as an expansion team at the start of the 2003-04 season. Throughout their history, the Tips have developed heated rivalries with their I-5 neighbors to the south in the Seattle Thunderbirds and Portland Winterhawks. Notable recent NHL draftees include Dustin Wolf, Gianni Fairbrother, Riley Sutter and local Everett native Wyatt Wylie. The Tips have won the U.S. Division seven times in franchise history (03-04, 05-06, 06-07, 14-15, 16-17, 17-18, and 18-19) - and claimed their second Western Conference title last season. Tickets at <https://everettsilvertips.com/TICKETS>

About Angel of the Winds Arena – Angel Of The Winds Arena is a three venue, state-of-the-art multi-purpose complex located in the heart of downtown Everett, WA. AOTW Arena is owned by the Everett Public Facilities District and managed by Spectra Venue Management, the expert in hosting and entertainment, partnering with over 300 clients to create memorable experiences for millions of visitors every year. Angel Of The Winds Arena is Snohomish County's premier entertainment and convention facility. Get the most recent updates on everything happening at angelofthewindsarena.com