



If You Have COVID-19, Your Donated Blood Can Help Make a Difference!

New mobile donation units allow you to donate from the comfort of your home!

Biological Specialty Co. (BSC) is working with the medical community to develop a cure for the novel COVID-19 virus. Your donated blood can help to accelerate the search for a drug or vaccine.

Donor Requirements:

- Currently ill or recovered donors are eligible to donate.
- You must be able to provide a copy of a positive PCR test (saliva/swab collection).
- Be pre-screened to determine eligibility.
- You must have a photo ID.
- You must be at least 18 years old.
- You must disclose if you have ever been

What's Involved in Donating Blood?

Length and Frequency of Visits

The donation takes approximately an hour but may take longer. There will be one visit scheduled per donor with a possibility of a follow up visit.

The Process

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Our mobile donation unit coordinator will contact you to review your medical history, schedule a date and time for your visit, and arrange for a collection kit to be sent to your home.

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The donation technician who will be visiting your home, will reach out with you to discuss all details before the visit. They will confirm your appointment date and time, the location of the collection and that you have received the collection kit and other materials.
NOTE: Please do not open the collection kit after it is delivered to your home. Only the technician can open the kit.

3

A donation technician will arrive at your home wearing personal protective gear needed to take donation. Please be sure to have the collection kit easily accessible for the technician.

We strive to keep our staff safe and prefer to set up the donation in an area that is outside of the home, like a garage, backyard or porch area if possible. Donations will be done within the home if this type of space is not available.

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Once a space has been identified, the technician will set up the kit and provide additional paperwork that will need to be completed before the donation begins.

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The technician will begin the process of drawing blood into tubes and continue until the designated volume is met (approximately 200 milliliters or 20 tubes). Blood is collected from an arm vein where the technician will aseptically cleanse the area of the arm from which the blood will be drawn.

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Once the donation is complete, they will apply a sterile bandage to the venipuncture area and put the tubes back into the collection kit.

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After the donation is complete, the technician will provide payment. Your donation is then complete. Visit the BSC website to learn more about post donation tips.

How Donors Benefit

Your donation contributes to our understanding and management of COVID-19. New therapies and diagnostic devices may result from this research and benefit all affected patients by improving the accuracy of treatment or creation of a vaccine.

- In recognition of your contribution to this important research, you will receive \$200 each time you donate.
- Long term donation schedules can be arranged with our mobile donation unit.

Frequently Asked Questions

Should I donate blood at this time?

Yes, WE NEED YOU! Your donations are vital to the research and development of new therapies, vaccines, and diagnostic tools - including research relating to COVID-19.

Should I donate if I have a mild cold or flu-like symptoms?

We understand you may be feeling ill. If you do not feel well enough to provide blood samples, please postpone your appointment until you do. Please use your best judgement.

Could my blood be dangerous to staff?

There is no evidence to suggest that COVID-19 is transmitted through the blood so there's little known risk of spreading the disease through the blood donation process. Visit [cdc.gov/coronavirus/](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/) for more information.

Can my non-diagnosed family member donate if they have not been diagnosed?

Currently our donation programs are only looking for confirmed diagnosis. There are other programs for other conditions including if you have recovered from COVID-19. Visit our website to learn more about our current programs.

Can I donate multiple times, even if I have recovered?

Currently our mobile donation unit is looking for donors with an active COVID-19 infection. If you have recovered from COVID-19, please reach out to us to discuss if you are eligible to donate again for our COVID-19 program.

Will my name and information be recorded?

Our well-trained staff will take information such as your age, gender, race, height and weight and your past and present medical information such as medications, treatments and surgeries. All information is protected under a unique identification number. All data collected during the application process is stored according to privacy laws and regulations. Privacy laws and regulations are in place to confirm that only those who you have provided consent to have access to your information.



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**Contact us to see if you are eligible at
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email us at donors@biospecialty.com**



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