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CASCADE REGIONAL BLOOD SERVICES URGENTLY NEEDS ALL O and A BLOOD DONORS

Cascade Regional Blood Services has an urgent need for *O-Positive, O-Negative, A-Positive and A-Negative* blood type donors. Inventory provided to area hospitals is at *less than one-half day*. Any eligible donors are asked to come to one of our locations in Tacoma, Puyallup or Federal Way in the next five days to get the inventory back to a safe level (normal is a three day supply).

“All blood donors (and blood types) are currently needed, however, there is an urgent need for O and A blood types due to the unusually high, sustained demand from area hospitals,” said Dan Schmitt, Director of Donor Resources. “These types are the most commonly transfused and have been in great demand recently due to a large number of patients who required unexpected large volumes of blood,” said Schmitt. “Many donors are also on Spring Break, which greatly affects the number of donors who are available.”

Cascade Regional Blood Services’ locations are open Monday through Saturday. Call 1-877-24BLOOD to make an appointment, or check www.crbs.net for directions to one of our locations and for our donation hours.

Cascade Regional Blood Service’s mission is to provide a constant, safe, cost effective supply of blood and blood components to the communities it serves.

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