



## COVID-19 and Convalescent Plasma

### Cascade Regional Blood Services Call-to-Action

#### HOW YOU CAN HELP YOUR COMMUNITY

If you have been given this announcement, it is most likely because:

- You have recovered or are recovering from **COVID-19**
- You are currently being tested for **COVID-19**.

#### If You and/or a Loved One:

- Are currently recovering/recovered from **COVID-19**, you have the potential now to pay it forward and donate **Convalescent Plasma**.
- Are being tested and you have a **positive** test result, please consider donating **Convalescent Plasma** upon your recovery. **We do not have access to your test results.**
- Are being tested, and you have a **negative** test result, please celebrate with us by donating lifesaving blood and/or platelets.

#### What is Convalescent Plasma and How Can it be Used?

**Convalescent Plasma** is the liquid part of blood that is collected from patients who have recovered from the novel coronavirus disease, COVID-19, caused by the virus SARS-CoV-2. COVID-19 patients develop antibodies in the blood against the virus.

Antibodies are proteins that might help fight the infection. Convalescent plasma is being investigated for the treatment of COVID-19 because there is no approved treatment for this disease and there is some information that suggests it might help some patients recover from COVID-19. (FDA.gov)

As we are all too aware, our community has been hit hard by **COVID-19**. As we continue to see a rise in positive cases in our community, **Cascade Regional Blood Services** is prepared to answer the call to action to service our community in this time of crisis. We have a **dedicated Convalescent Plasma professional** that will be assigned to you to answer all of your questions regarding eligibility to donate, frequency of donations and scheduling appointments. Our donation centers are following **strict CDC guidelines** for social distancing, sanitation and PPE, so that each donor can feel safe and comfortable during the collection process.

#### Please Partner With Us:

Remember, we are all in this together, and together we can heal our community one donation at a time. For more information about Convalescent COVID-19 Plasma and how you can save lives in our community, please visit [crbs.net/covid-19-convalescent-plasma/](https://crbs.net/covid-19-convalescent-plasma/) or call 253-383-2553 and speak to one of our dedicated Convalescent Plasma professionals.

Best,

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