

COVID-19 AVS Blood Plasma Donation Information

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Information for patients interested in donating blood plasma to aid in the recovery of other COVID-19 patients has been added to the AVS. It appears below the section detailing COVID-19 symptoms and includes hyperlinks for decision making and next steps.

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Interested in Donating Blood Plasma?

Many people recovering from COVID-19 have questions about donating plasma, which has the potential to speed recovery and save lives of other COVID-19 patients.

Resources are available that can help you decide if donation is right for you, including:

- The American Association of Blood Banks allows you to enroll as a potential donor and find out the nearest blood supplier to where you live or work: <https://covidplasma.org/>

There are 3 Chicagoland organizations that collect blood for donation. To donate plasma for COVID-19, patients must meet specific requirements. Please refer to these websites for more information:

- Versiti (formerly Heartland Blood Centers): <https://www.versiti.org/covid19plasma>
- American Red Cross: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/plasma4covid>
- Vitalant: <https://www.vitalant.org/COVIDFree>

You had a COVID test within the past 7 days. The following information will be helpful in discussions with your physician, employer, school, or follow-up healthcare facility.

The diagnostic work-up of COVID-19 within the NM System includes performance of both nucleic acid amplification tests, e.g., PCR-based tests, and serological tests. All of the various platforms used for such testing within the NM Clinical Laboratories have been rigorously vetted and validated by Laboratory personnel. The data derived from the use of these platforms are considered to be of exceedingly high quality, suitable under any/all circumstances or setting for disease assignment and management.

COVID-19 Information

COVID-19 (coronavirus) is highly contagious. Northwestern Medicine follows strict guidelines for preventing the spread of infection. However, COVID-19 remains a risk in both the community and the healthcare setting.

For the latest information on COVID-19, go to nm.org/covid-19.