

Information about setting up a Blood Drive in your Library With additional provisions during pandemic

About blood drives: There are two primary organizations that hold blood drives in Indiana: American Red Cross and Versiti Blood Centers of Indiana, formerly known as Indiana Blood Center. While both have bloodmobiles, the bloodmobile is not optimal for drives while social distancing practices are enforced.

If you are holding a drive in the future or have done so in the past, please consider hosting another one so that donors in your communities have additional opportunities to donate if they were unable to attend your last one.

About blood supply and timing: The supply for the stay-at-home order is stable currently but is anticipated to reach crisis levels during the period of the second week of April through the end of June.

Blood drives are considered essential services even during stay-at-home and shelter-in-place orders.



Typical blood drive with additions of social distancing practices:

- 1) **Scheduling** - Volunteers typically will schedule online via their online scheduling portal.
- 2) **Temperature Check** - Upon arrival, scheduled blood donors will have a walk-up temperature check, as only 99.5 or less is allowed into the donation site.
- 3) **Health/Travel Screening** - Then the donor will be asked a series of questions regarding today's health, recent travel, and recent contact with people who have been ill.
- 4) **Waiting area** - Donors will either be asked to await a text in their cars or in a socially distanced seating area if their appointment slot is not immediately available. Once allowed in to building/room, donors are asked to wash hands before entering the registration area. No more than 50 people are allowed in the building at one time.
- 5) **Registration** - Once called, the donor will go through a registration process (paper or online).
- 6) **Health screening** - Staff will again screen the donor, by reviewing the registration form, answering any questions, testing for temperature, blood pressure, pulse, and hemoglobin (pin prick).
- 7) **Blood draw donation** - The beds are set up socially distanced. As an example, if Versiti normally brings 10, only 5 are in use at a time, so that beds may be properly cleaned and air dried between donors.
- 8) **Canteen** - Donors may enjoy snacks and hydration before leaving. Social distance seating is required in this area.

About Versiti – [Versiti Blood Centers of Indiana](#), formerly known as Indiana Blood Center, has blood centers around the state and will travel statewide. Versiti staff haul all materials and suggest that host site staff will not have contact with donors in the donation process. Drives may be set up any time during the 24-hour day. Versiti supplies 70 hospitals in Indiana and typically needs 560 pints/day.

About American Red Cross – [American Red Cross Indiana](#) has blood centers throughout the state and will travel. As a volunteer organization, ARC may ask for volunteers to assist with loading in of equipment, set-up and tear down, but generally follows the same

Requirements to host a blood drive:

	Versiti Blood Centers of Indiana 	American Red Cross 
Contact	Anita Shepard, 231-375-7776 or ashepard@versiti.org ; Anita will connect you with local rep as appropriate.	Brittany Sutton, Brittany.sutton@redcross.org , will connect you with a local rep as appropriate.
Minimum space requirements	1500-2000 square feet open space (if tables/chairs in room, move to edge)	
Facility needs	<p>Restroom for staff and donors, including to wash hands before entering the room(s) where registration and health screening are conducted.</p> <p>Four areas, though may be in one large area – entry for pre-screening, health screening, donation area (largest), and canteen area (all with distance seating). Power supply is necessary if they bring apheresis machines to draw platelets, plasma, or double red.</p> <p>Accessible ramp to roll up beds and carts into library</p> <p>Accessible elevator large enough for cart if donation area is on different floor</p>	
Library Staff needs	<p>Help promote drive by using Versiti materials and distributing scheduling link on social media or through email to staff and key stakeholders. Versiti provides online scheduling link, electronic posters and jpg.</p> <p>Open library to Versiti staff for setup 1 hour in advance</p>	Help promote. Coordinate with local.