FAQ
Convalescent Plasma Donation

What is COVID convalescent plasma (CCP)?
Convalescent plasma is present in a person who has had a disease and recovered. Antibodies are formed to fight a specific infection. For COVID-19, a recovered person has antibody to SARS-CoV-2, the virus which causes COVID-19.

Who receives the CCP?
CCP is requested by a physician and transfused to assist in the recovery of those gravely ill with COVID-19. This treatment approach has been used in other disease situations (e.g. SARS, MERS, H1N1, Ebola).

What about antibody testing?
Antibody testing isn’t widely available and often it is expensive to perform. LifeShare doesn’t offer antibody testing at this time. If you have a physician willing to test you for antibodies related to COVID-19, those results may qualify you to donate convalescent plasma even if you never received a positive test for COVID-19.

I think I am eligible, what do I do next?
Contact your doctor. S/he will complete a required form indicating you are eligible to donate CCP. They may email this form to specialdonations@lifeshare.org or you may carry it with you to donate. Donors can call 318-673-1436 for more information if needed.

Am I eligible to donate CCP?
Eligible donors must meet #1 and #2

1 Prior diagnosis of COVID-19 documented by a laboratory test.

2 Complete resolution of all COVID symptoms at least 14 days prior to donation.

If you meet these criteria and your doctor can support this information, you are likely a candidate for convalescent plasma donation.

Remember to bring a valid photo ID when you donate.
You must be at least 16 years old and meet all other eligibility requirements.

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