

Current Considerations for Plasma Donation Centers for COVID-19

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Practice social distancing

- Operate by appointment if possible
- Close internal waiting rooms. Ask donors to wait outside, keeping 6 feet between donors
- Post educational information for donors at the entrance to the center, in the center and on the company website:
 - Importance of donating plasma especially during this time
 - Center policies for social distancing and good hygiene
 - Criteria for deferral due to COVID-19, with emphasis to not enter the center if in a designated risk category
 - Importance of self-deferral and leaving the premises and notifying center staff if the donor begins to develop symptoms while at the center
- Pre-screen donors for temperature and travel/exposure/recovery BEFORE entering the plasma center
- Allow only prospective donors who have been pre-screened to enter the center—no children, no family members or friends
- Once in the center, make sure there is a 6-foot distance between a donor and any other donor—positioning of donor history stations, donor screening booths, donor beds and chairs. If it requires moving stations or using every-other-one, implement those precautions.
- Train staff to maintain a 6-foot distance where possible between themselves and any other person.
- Place hand sanitizers in the line before donors can use check-in devices or donor history stations
- Remove communal objects such as magazines, candy dishes throughout the center.

Practice good hygiene—employees and donors

- Wash your hands, especially after touching any frequently used item or surface
- Avoid touching your face
- Sneeze or cough into a tissue, or the inside of your elbow, and immediately throw the tissue into the trash.
- Disinfect frequently used items and surfaces as much as possible, including beds, restrooms, doorknobs, surfaces, clipboards, kiosks, etc.
- If disposable pens are used, use only disposable pens and dispose of them immediately after each use.
- Empty trash cans frequently.

Follow CDC Recommendations for Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection

- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/cleaning-disinfection.html>
- Enhance cleaning/disinfection schedules
- Clean all beds and surfaces between donors

Follow CDC Recommendations for Employers

- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html>
- Post signage with CDC guidelines on hand-washing procedure in all donor and employee bathrooms, in staff lounges and training rooms, and near all sinks
- Advise employees with respiratory symptoms of any kind to stay home
- Screen employees for temperatures before entering the center, and if elevated, do not allow employee to work
- If employee begins to feel ill while at the center, ask the employee to immediately leave the center

Provide guidance to donors for post-donation

- Practice social distancing and good hygiene after leaving center
- Report illness back to plasma center, particularly if diagnosed with COVID-19
- Defer any donor who reports diagnosed or suspected COVID-19 for authority-suggested time period: ECDC-14 days; FDA-28 days