

American Red Cross: Blood and platelet donors needed now to help prevent a seasonal blood shortage

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MADISON, Wis. (July 27, 2022) — Just as most cars need to be refueled constantly, so does the nation's blood supply. **The American Red Cross has faced a concerning drop in blood and platelet donations this summer. Donors are needed to make an appointment to give in August to help prevent a blood shortage.**

The decline in donations has caused the Red Cross blood supply to shrink nearly 20% in recent weeks. The availability of blood products will continue to decline if donations do not increase. People should not wait until they hear there is a blood shortage to give. Type O negative blood donors and platelet donors are especially needed now.

"This is a concerning trend that may soon make it tougher to keep blood products stocked on hospital shelves," said Paul Sullivan, Red Cross senior vice president of donor services. "By choosing a time to give now, donors can help pump up the blood supply for those in immediate need of lifesaving care and those who rely on transfusions for treatment."

Donors can schedule an appointment to donate using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org) or by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Fuel up on us

As blood and platelet donations drop, gas prices have reached all-time highs in the

U.S. As a thank-you, all who come to give Aug. 1-31 will be automatically entered for a chance to win gas for a year, a \$6,000 value. There will be three lucky winners. Everyone who comes to give blood or platelets in August will also receive a \$10 e-gift card to a merchant of choice.*

Upcoming blood donation opportunities Aug. 1-26:

Columbia

Cambria

8/25/2022: 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Didion Milling, 501 Williams Street

Columbus

8/24/2022: 11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., New Testament Baptist Church, N2232 Duborg Rd

Lodi

8/12/2022: 11:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., United Methodist Church, 130 Locust St

Portage

8/3/2022: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., Columbia County Health and Human Services, 111 E. Mullett Street, PO Box 136

Poynette

8/1/2022: 12 p.m. – 6 p.m., Dekorra Lutheran Church, N3099 Smith Rd

8/3/2022: 8 a.m. – 1 p.m., Poynette Village Hall, 106 S. Main Street

Rio

8/3/2022: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Redeemer Lutheran Church, 610 Lincoln Avenue

Wisconsin Dells

8/9/2022: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., Spring Brook Resort, 242 Lake Shore Drive

8/18/2022: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., Saint Cecilia Parish Center, 603 Oak St

8/24/2022: 12 p.m. – 5 p.m., Glacier Canyon Lodge, 45 Hillman Rd

Dane

Cambridge

8/16/2022: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., Cambridge High School, 403 Bluejay Way

Cottage Grove

8/4/2022: 8 a.m. – 1 p.m., Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, 229 N. Main St.

Cross Plains

8/11/2022: 12 p.m. – 5 p.m., St Martins Lutheran Church, 2427 Church St

De Forest

8/16/2022: 1 p.m. – 6 p.m., DeForest Area Community and Senior Center, DeForest Area Community & Senior Center, 505 North Main Street

Deerfield

8/10/2022: 1 p.m. – 6 p.m., Deerfield High School, 300 Simonson Blvd

Fitchburg

8/2/2022: 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Fitchburg Community Center, 5510 Lacy Rd

8/8/2022: 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., Four Winds Farm, 5735 Adams Rd

8/20/2022: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Funks Pub, 5956 Executive Dr #101

8/25/2022: 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Tri North Builders, 2625 Research Park Dr

Madison

8/1/2022: 8:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Madison East Blood Donation Center, 2109 Zeier Rd

8/1/2022: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Hilton Madison Monona Terrace, 9 E. Wilson St.

8/1/2022: 11 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., State Line Distillery, 1413 Northern Ct.

8/1/2022: 11:45 a.m. – 6:45 p.m., Madison West Blood Donation Center, 4860 Sheboygan Ave

8/1/2022: 12 p.m. – 5 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 1904 Winnebago St

8/2/2022: 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., American Family Applied Learning Center, 6425 American Parkway

8/2/2022: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Madison College – Truax Campus, 1701 Wright Street

8/2/2022: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Tommy G Thompson Commerce Center, 201 W Washington Ave

8/2/2022: 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Ashley Furniture and ApplianceMart, 2404 W. Beltline Hwy

8/2/2022: 11:45 a.m. – 6:45 p.m., Madison West Blood Donation Center, 4860 Sheboygan Ave

8/2/2022: 12 p.m. – 7:15 p.m., Madison East Blood Donation Center, 2109 Zeier Rd

8/3/2022: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., Risser Justice Center, 120 Martin Luther King Blvd

8/3/2022: 11:45 a.m. – 6:45 p.m., Madison West Blood Donation Center, 4860 Sheboygan Ave

8/3/2022: 12 p.m. – 7:15 p.m., Madison East Blood Donation Center, 2109 Zeier Rd

8/4/2022: 8 a.m. – 1 p.m., US Bank, 1 South Pinckney St

8/4/2022: 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 4505 Regent St

8/4/2022: 9:45 a.m. – 4:45 p.m., Madison West Blood Donation Center, 4860 Sheboygan Ave

8/4/2022: 10:30 a.m. – 5:45 p.m., Madison East Blood Donation Center, 2109 Zeier Rd

8/5/2022: 8:15 a.m. – 3 p.m., Madison East Blood Donation Center, 2109 Zeier Rd

8/5/2022: 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., McConnell Hall, 1010 Mound St

8/5/2022: 8:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m., Madison West Blood Donation Center, 4860 Sheboygan Ave

8/5/2022: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., Franklin Fueling, 3760 Marsh Rd

8/5/2022: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., University of Wisconsin Memorial Union, 800 Langdon St

8/6/2022: 8:15 a.m. – 3:45 p.m., Madison East Blood Donation Center, 2109 Zeier Rd

8/6/2022: 8:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m., Madison West Blood Donation Center, 4860 Sheboygan Ave

8/7/2022: 8:15 a.m. – 3 p.m., Madison East Blood Donation Center, 2109 Zeier Rd

8/7/2022: 8:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m., Madison West Blood Donation Center, 4860 Sheboygan Ave

8/8/2022: 8:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Madison East Blood Donation Center, 2109 Zeier Rd

8/8/2022: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Army National Guard Armory, 1420 Wright St

8/8/2022: 11:45 a.m. – 6:45 p.m., Madison West Blood Donation Center, 4860 Sheboygan Ave

8/8/2022: 12 p.m. – 4 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 5701 Raymond Rd

8/9/2022: 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., UW Health Digestive Health Center, 750 University Row

8/9/2022: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., Synergos Counseling and Wellness Center, 301 S. Blount St., Ste 302

8/9/2022: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., Johnson Bank, 525 Junction Rd

8/9/2022: 11:45 a.m. – 6:45 p.m., Madison West Blood Donation Center, 4860 Sheboygan Ave

8/9/2022: 12 p.m. – 7:15 p.m., Madison East Blood Donation Center, 2109 Zeier Rd

8/10/2022: 11:30 a.m. – 4 p.m., Park West, 406 Science Drive

8/10/2022: 11:45 a.m. – 6:45 p.m., Madison West Blood Donation Center, 4860 Sheboygan Ave

8/10/2022: 12 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., Arboretum Cohousing, 1137 Erin St

8/10/2022: 12 p.m. – 7:15 p.m., Madison East Blood Donation Center, 2109 Zeier Rd

8/11/2022: 8 a.m. – 1 p.m., Boy Scouts of America, 5846 Manufacturers Drive

8/11/2022: 9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m., Unity Point Meriter Monona Clinic, 6408 Copps Ave

8/11/2022: 9:45 a.m. – 4:45 p.m., Madison West Blood Donation Center, 4860 Sheboygan Ave

8/11/2022: 10:30 a.m. – 5:45 p.m., Madison East Blood Donation Center, 2109 Zeier Rd

8/11/2022: 12 p.m. – 5 p.m., Sequoia Library, 4340 Tokay Blvd

8/12/2022: 8:15 a.m. – 3 p.m., Madison East Blood Donation Center, 2109 Zeier Rd

8/12/2022: 8:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m., Madison West Blood Donation Center, 4860 Sheboygan Ave

8/12/2022: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., University of Wisconsin Memorial Union, 800 Langdon St

8/13/2022: 8:15 a.m. – 3:45 p.m., Madison East Blood Donation Center, 2109 Zeier Rd

8/13/2022: 8:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m., Madison West Blood Donation Center, 4860 Sheboygan Ave

8/14/2022: 8:15 a.m. – 3 p.m., Madison East Blood Donation Center, 2109 Zeier Rd

8/14/2022: 8:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m., Madison West Blood Donation Center, 4860 Sheboygan Ave

8/15/2022: 8:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Madison East Blood Donation Center, 2109 Zeier Rd

8/15/2022: 11:45 a.m. – 6:45 p.m., Madison West Blood Donation Center, 4860 Sheboygan Ave

8/16/2022: 11:45 a.m. – 6:45 p.m., Madison West Blood Donation Center, 4860 Sheboygan Ave

8/16/2022: 12 p.m. – 6:45 p.m., Madison East Blood Donation Center, 2109 Zeier Rd

8/16/2022: 1 p.m. – 6 p.m., Lake Edge Lutheran Church, 4032 Monona Drive

8/17/2022: 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 4505 Regent St

8/17/2022: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., Delta Air Lines, Dane County Regional Airport, 4000 International Lane

8/17/2022: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Wilde East Towne Honda, 5555 High Crossing Blvd

8/17/2022: 11:45 a.m. – 6:45 p.m., Madison West Blood Donation Center, 4860 Sheboygan Ave

8/17/2022: 12 p.m. – 6:45 p.m., Madison East Blood Donation Center, 2109 Zeier Rd

8/18/2022: 9:45 a.m. – 4:45 p.m., Madison West Blood Donation Center, 4860 Sheboygan Ave

8/18/2022: 10:30 a.m. – 5:15 p.m., Madison East Blood Donation Center, 2109 Zeier Rd

8/19/2022: 8 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., VA Hospital, 2500 Overlook Terrace

8/19/2022: 8:15 a.m. – 3 p.m., Madison East Blood Donation Center, 2109 Zeier Rd

8/19/2022: 8:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m., Madison West Blood Donation Center, 4860 Sheboygan Ave

8/19/2022: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., University of Wisconsin Memorial Union, 800 Langdon St

8/20/2022: 8:15 a.m. – 3 p.m., Madison East Blood Donation Center, 2109 Zeier Rd

8/20/2022: 8:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m., Madison West Blood Donation Center, 4860 Sheboygan Ave

8/21/2022: 8:15 a.m. – 3 p.m., Madison East Blood Donation Center, 2109 Zeier Rd

8/21/2022: 8:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m., Madison West Blood Donation Center, 4860 Sheboygan Ave

8/22/2022: 8:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Madison East Blood Donation Center, 2109 Zeier Rd

8/22/2022: 11:45 a.m. – 6:45 p.m., Madison West Blood Donation Center, 4860 Sheboygan Ave

8/22/2022: 12 p.m. – 5 p.m., Monona Community Center, 1011 Nichols Rd

8/23/2022: 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., National Guardian Life, 2 E Gilman St

8/23/2022: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., University of Wisconsin Memorial Union, 800 Langdon St

8/23/2022: 11:45 a.m. – 6:45 p.m., Madison West Blood Donation Center, 4860 Sheboygan Ave

8/23/2022: 12 p.m. – 5 p.m., Midvale Community Lutheran Church, 4329 Tokay Blvd

8/23/2022: 12 p.m. – 6:45 p.m., Madison East Blood Donation Center, 2109 Zeier Rd

8/24/2022: 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Central Library, 201 W. Mifflin St

8/24/2022: 11:45 a.m. – 6:45 p.m., Madison West Blood Donation Center, 4860 Sheboygan Ave

8/24/2022: 12 p.m. – 6:45 p.m., Madison East Blood Donation Center, 2109 Zeier Rd

8/25/2022: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Lussier Family West YMCA, 5515 Medical Circle

8/25/2022: 9:45 a.m. – 4:45 p.m., Madison West Blood Donation Center, 4860 Sheboygan Ave

8/25/2022: 10:30 a.m. – 5:15 p.m., Madison East Blood Donation Center, 2109 Zeier Rd

8/26/2022: 8 a.m. – 2 p.m., Madison Municipal Building, 215 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Madison Municipal Bldg

8/26/2022: 8:15 a.m. – 3 p.m., Madison East Blood Donation Center, 2109 Zeier Rd

8/26/2022: 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 4505 Regent St

8/26/2022: 8:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m., Madison West Blood Donation Center, 4860 Sheboygan Ave

Marshall

8/18/2022: 12 p.m. – 5 p.m., Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 605 Madison St.

Mazomanie

8/6/2022: 8 a.m. – 12 p.m., Midland UMC, 10235 Cty Rd KP

Middleton

8/4/2022: 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., Lexus of Madison, 8000 Airport Rd

8/13/2022: 8 a.m. – 12 p.m., Madison Community Montessori School, 8406 Ellington

Way

Mount Horeb

8/19/2022: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Fire Department, 400 Blue Mounds St

Oregon

8/16/2022: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., People's United Methodist Church, 103 N Alpine Parkway

Stoughton

8/4/2022: 9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Nazareth Health and Rehabilitation Center, 814 Jackson St

8/22/2022: 1 p.m. – 6 p.m., Covenant Lutheran, 1525 Van Buren St

Sun Prairie

8/17/2022: 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., Sun Prairie Public Library, 1350 Linnerud Dr.

8/23/2022: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., Independent Pharmacy Cooperative, 1550 Columbus St

Verona

8/8/2022: 11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Wisconsin Brewing Company, 1079 American Way

Wauwaukee

8/12/2022: 12 p.m. – 5 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 5763 Cty Rd Q

Grant

Boscobel

8/18/2022: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Wisconsin Secure Program Facility, 1101 Morrison Dr
Fennimore

8/22/2022: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Fred Lenz Conference Center, 1800 Bronson Blvd
Hazel Green

8/3/2022: 12 p.m. – 5 p.m., Southwestern High School, 1415 Fairplay
Platteville

8/17/2022: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Lutheran Church of Peace, 1345 N Water St
Potosi

8/26/2022: 12 p.m. – 5 p.m., Potosi Fire & Rescue Building, 210 N Main St

Green

Albany

8/25/2022: 12:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., Lions Building, 402 Cincinnati St

Monroe

8/5/2022: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 714 24th
St

8/18/2022: 12 p.m. – 6 p.m., Monroe Bible Church, 2613 8th Ave

New Glarus

8/12/2022: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., New Glarus Bible Church, 207 6th Street

Iowa

Dodgeville

8/1/2022: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Grace Lutheran Church, 1105 N Bequette

8/19/2022: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., QLF, 3625 HWY 23 North

8/26/2022: 12 p.m. – 5 p.m., Dodger Bowl Lanes, 318 King Street

Juneau

Elroy

8/19/2022: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., American Legion Post 115, 402 Franklin

Mauston

8/10/2022: 12:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., St Pauls Lutheran Church, 517 Grayside Ave

New Lisbon

8/26/2022: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., AmericInn Hotel & Suites, 1700 East Bridge Street

Lafayette

Benton

8/5/2022: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m., St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 237 E Main

Blanchardville

8/15/2022: 12 p.m. – 5 p.m., American Legion, 218 Mason

Darlington

8/2/2022: 12:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., American Legion, 1400 Keep St

Shullsburg

8/9/2022: 12 p.m. – 5 p.m., St. Matthew's Church, 344 N Judgement St

South Wayne

8/10/2022: 12 p.m. – 5 p.m., St Johns Catholic Church, 202 Varnum

Marquette

Endeavor

8/17/2022: 1 p.m. – 6 p.m., Endeavor Moundville Fire Station, 631 South Limits Rd

Richland

Richland Center

8/18/2022: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Richland Hospital, 333 E 2nd St

Rock

Beloit

8/11/2022: 1 p.m. – 6 p.m., Beloit Public Library, 605 Eclipse Blvd

Edgerton

8/10/2022: 1 p.m. – 6 p.m., Edgerton Public Library, 101 Albion St.

Janesville

8/4/2022: 12 p.m. – 5 p.m., Rotary Botanical Gardens, 1455 Palmer Dr

8/15/2022: 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., Janesville Masonic Center, 2322 E. Milwaukee St.

8/16/2022: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Mt Calvary Lutheran Church, 2940 Mineral Point Ave.

8/17/2022: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Hedberg Public Library, 316 S Main St

Milton

8/26/2022: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Milton City Hall, 710 S. Janesville St.

Sauk

Baraboo

8/19/2022: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., St Pauls Lutheran Church, 727 8th St

8/26/2022: 12 p.m. – 5 p.m., Don Larson Superstore, S3801 County Hwy. BD

La Valle

8/15/2022: 1 p.m. – 6 p.m., Holy Family Catholic Church, 310 Bluff St

Reedsburg

8/22/2022: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Reedsburg Area Medical Center, 2000 N. Dewey Ave.

Sauk City

8/3/2022: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., River Hills Community Church, 1111 Sycamore St, PO Box 25

Spring Green

8/5/2022: 11:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., Christ Lutheran Church, 237 E Daley

8/19/2022: 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., Cornerstone Church, 210 N. Lexington St.

Blood drive safety

The Red Cross follows a high standard of safety and infection control. The Red Cross will continue to socially distance wherever possible at blood drives, donation centers and facilities. While donors are no longer required to wear a face mask, individuals may choose to continue to wear a mask for any reason. The Red Cross will also adhere to more stringent face mask requirements per state and/or local guidance, or at the request of blood drive sponsors. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at a drive.

How to donate blood

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org), call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass[®] to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](https://www.redcrossblood.org/RapidPass) or use the Blood Donor App.