

Red Cross: Flu season may impact Red Cross blood supply

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MADISON, Wis., Nov. 7, 2022 — The American Red Cross urges blood and platelet donors to give now and help fight the potential impact of seasonal illnesses and a potentially severe flu season on the blood supply.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention predicts a serious spread of flu this year and is already reporting an early spike in cases in several states. When seasonal illnesses increase, the number of healthy donors tends to decrease, leaving the Red Cross blood supply vulnerable to a potential shortage over the holidays.

Paired with busy holiday schedules, seasonal illnesses may make it harder to collect the blood hospital patients require this winter. Donors – especially those with type O blood and those giving platelets – can help bolster the blood supply now by making an appointment to give in the coming weeks.

There is no waiting period to donate blood or platelets after receiving a flu shot. Schedule an appointment by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org) or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Learn more about flu safety and prevention at [redcross.org/flusafety](https://www.redcross.org/flusafety).

As a thank-you, the Red Cross is offering several opportunities to donors this month:

- All who come to give Nov. 1-22 will receive a \$10 e-gift card to a merchant of choice. Details are available at [rcblood.org/perks](https://www.rcblood.org/perks).
- Those who come to give over the Thanksgiving holiday, Nov. 23-27, will get a Red Cross knit beanie, while supplies last.

- All who come out to help Nov. 28-Dec. 15 will receive a \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card by email, thanks to Amazon. Details are available at rcblood.org/together.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities Nov. 7-Dec. 9:

Columbia

Cambria

11/16/2022: 12 p.m. – 5 p.m., Cambria-Friesland Middle School/High School, 410 E Edgewater St

Fall River

11/8/2022: 12 p.m. – 5 p.m., Fall River High School, 150 Bradley St

Pardeeville

12/7/2022: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Pardeeville Middle School, 120 S Oak Street

Portage

11/17/2022: 11:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., United Methodist Church, 1804 New Pinery Rd

11/30/2022: 12:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., Portage VFW, 215 W Collins St.

12/1/2022: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., Portage Campus, 330 W Collins St

Poynette

11/15/2022: 8 a.m. – 1 p.m., Poynette Village Hall, 106 S. Main Street

Rio

11/16/2022: 11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Rio Middle School, 411 Church St

Dane

Belleville

11/22/2022: 1 p.m. – 6 p.m., St Mary of Lourdes, 221 Frederick St

Cottage Grove

11/14/2022: 1 p.m. – 6 p.m., Flynn Hall, 116 W Reynolds St

Fitchburg

11/23/2022: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Fitchburg Fire Station, Fitchburg Fire Station 2, 2931 Marketplace

11/29/2022: 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Tri North Builders, 2625 Research Park Dr

Madison

11/7/2022: 8:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Madison East Blood Donation Center, 2109 Zeier Rd

11/7/2022: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., MGE Innovation Center-East Building, 510 Charmany Dr

11/7/2022: 11:45 a.m. – 6:45 p.m., Madison West Blood Donation Center, 4860 Sheboygan Ave

11/8/2022: 7 a.m. – 12 p.m., Madison Metro Sewer District, 1610 Moorland Rd

11/8/2022: 8 a.m. – 2 p.m., Madison Municipal Building, 215 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Madison Municipal Bldg

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

11/8/2022: 12 p.m. – 6:45 p.m., Madison East Blood Donation Center, 2109 Zeier Rd

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

11/9/2022: 12 p.m. – 6:45 p.m., Madison East Blood Donation Center, 2109 Zeier Rd

11/10/2022: 7 a.m. – 12 p.m., Health Sciences Learning Center, 750 Highland Avenue

11/10/2022: 9:45 a.m. – 4:45 p.m., Madison West Blood Donation Center, 4860 Sheboygan Ave

11/10/2022: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Union South, 1308 W Dayton St

11/10/2022: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Smart Motors Toyota/Scion, 5901 Odana Rd

11/10/2022: 10:30 a.m. – 5:15 p.m., Madison East Blood Donation Center, 2109 Zeier Rd

11/10/2022: 12 p.m. – 5 p.m., Health Sciences Learning Center, 750 Highland Avenue

11/11/2022: 8:15 a.m. – 3 p.m., Madison East Blood Donation Center, 2109 Zeier Rd

11/11/2022: 8:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m., Madison West Blood Donation Center, 4860 Sheboygan Ave

11/11/2022: 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., Madison Property Management, 1202 Regent St

11/11/2022: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., East Madison Toyota, 3501 Lancaster Dr

11/12/2022: 8 a.m. – 12 p.m., St Maria Goretti Parish, 5313 Flad Ave

11/12/2022: 8:15 a.m. – 3 p.m., Madison East Blood Donation Center, 2109 Zeier Rd

11/12/2022: 8:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m., Madison West Blood Donation Center, 4860 Sheboygan Ave

11/13/2022: 8:15 a.m. – 3 p.m., Madison East Blood Donation Center, 2109 Zeier Rd

11/13/2022: 8:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m., Madison West Blood Donation Center, 4860 Sheboygan Ave

11/14/2022: 8:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Madison East Blood Donation Center, 2109 Zeier Rd

11/14/2022: 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., The Health Sciences Learning Center, 750 Highland Avenue

11/14/2022: 11:45 a.m. – 6:45 p.m., Madison West Blood Donation Center, 4860 Sheboygan Ave

11/14/2022: 12 p.m. – 4 p.m., Herzing University Madison, 5218 E Terrace Dr.

11/14/2022: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m., Our Lady Queen of Peace, 401 S Owen Dr

11/15/2022: 7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Wisconsin Department of Transportation Madison Office, 2101 Wright St

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

11/15/2022: 12 p.m. – 6:45 p.m., Madison East Blood Donation Center, 2109 Zeier Rd

11/16/2022: 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Univ of WI Extension Dane County, 5201 Fen Oak Dr.

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

11/16/2022: 12 p.m. – 6:45 p.m., Madison East Blood Donation Center, 2109 Zeier Rd

11/17/2022: 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., East YMCA, 711 Cottage Grove Rd

11/17/2022: 9:45 a.m. – 4:45 p.m., Madison West Blood Donation Center, 4860 Sheboygan Ave

11/17/2022: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Union South, 1308 W Dayton St

11/17/2022: 10:30 a.m. – 5:15 p.m., Madison East Blood Donation Center, 2109 Zeier Rd

11/18/2022: 8:15 a.m. – 3 p.m., Madison East Blood Donation Center, 2109 Zeier Rd

11/18/2022: 8:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m., Madison West Blood Donation Center, 4860 Sheboygan Ave

11/18/2022: 9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m., State Capitol, 2 E Main St

11/18/2022: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Union South, 1308 W Dayton St

11/19/2022: 8:15 a.m. – 3 p.m., Madison East Blood Donation Center, 2109 Zeier Rd

11/19/2022: 8:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m., Madison West Blood Donation Center, 4860 Sheboygan Ave

11/19/2022: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Vernee Nycole House of Beauty, 1702 S. Park St.

11/20/2022: 8:15 a.m. – 3 p.m., Madison East Blood Donation Center, 2109 Zeier Rd

11/20/2022: 8:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m., Madison West Blood Donation Center, 4860 Sheboygan Ave

11/21/2022: 8:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Madison East Blood Donation Center, 2109 Zeier Rd

11/21/2022: 11:45 a.m. – 6:45 p.m., Madison West Blood Donation Center, 4860 Sheboygan Ave

11/21/2022: 1 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., Ovation 309, 309 W Johnson St

11/21/2022: 1 p.m. – 6 p.m., 1410 Engineering Dr, 1410 Engineering Dr

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

11/22/2022: 12 p.m. – 6:45 p.m., Madison East Blood Donation Center, 2109 Zeier Rd

11/22/2022: 1 p.m. – 6 p.m., St Stephens Lutheran Church, 5700 Pheasant Hill Rd

11/23/2022: 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 4505 Regent St

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

11/23/2022: 12 p.m. – 6:45 p.m., Madison East Blood Donation Center, 2109 Zeier Rd

11/24/2022: 8:30 a.m. – 2:45 p.m., Madison East Blood Donation Center, 2109 Zeier Rd

11/24/2022: 9:15 a.m. – 2:45 p.m., Madison West Blood Donation Center, 4860 Sheboygan Ave

11/25/2022: 8:15 a.m. – 3 p.m., Madison East Blood Donation Center, 2109 Zeier Rd

11/25/2022: 8:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m., Madison West Blood Donation Center, 4860 Sheboygan Ave

11/26/2022: 8:15 a.m. – 3 p.m., Madison East Blood Donation Center, 2109 Zeier Rd

11/26/2022: 8:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m., Madison West Blood Donation Center, 4860 Sheboygan Ave

11/27/2022: 8:15 a.m. – 3 p.m., Madison East Blood Donation Center, 2109 Zeier Rd

11/27/2022: 8:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m., Madison West Blood Donation Center, 4860 Sheboygan Ave

11/28/2022: 8:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Madison East Blood Donation Center, 2109 Zeier Rd

11/28/2022: 11:45 a.m. – 6:45 p.m., Madison West Blood Donation Center, 4860 Sheboygan Ave

11/29/2022: 8 a.m. – 12 p.m., Karben4 Brewing, 3698 Kinsman Blvd

11/29/2022: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., Covenant Presbyterian Church, 326 S Segoe Rd

11/29/2022: 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Central Library, 201 W. Mifflin St

11/29/2022: 11:45 a.m. – 6:45 p.m., Madison West Blood Donation Center, 4860

Sheboygan Ave

11/29/2022: 12 p.m. – 6:45 p.m., Madison East Blood Donation Center, 2109 Zeier Rd

11/30/2022: 9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m., Old Sugar Distillery, 931 E. Main Street

11/30/2022: 11:45 a.m. – 6:45 p.m., Madison West Blood Donation Center, 4860 Sheboygan Ave

11/30/2022: 12 p.m. – 6:45 p.m., Madison East Blood Donation Center, 2109 Zeier Rd

12/1/2022: 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., Wisconsin Department of Revenue, 2135 Rimrock Rd

12/1/2022: 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., Hill Farms State Office Building, 4822 Madison Yards Way

12/1/2022: 9:45 a.m. – 4:45 p.m., Madison West Blood Donation Center, 4860 Sheboygan Ave

12/1/2022: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., University of Wisconsin Memorial Union, 800 Langdon St

12/1/2022: 10:30 a.m. – 5:15 p.m., Madison East Blood Donation Center, 2109 Zeier Rd

12/1/2022: 12 p.m. – 5 p.m., Sequoya Library, 4340 Tokay Blvd

12/2/2022: 8:15 a.m. – 3 p.m., Madison East Blood Donation Center, 2109 Zeier Rd

12/2/2022: 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., McConnell Hall, 1010 Mound St

12/2/2022: 8:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m., Madison West Blood Donation Center, 4860 Sheboygan Ave

12/2/2022: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Univ of WI Naval ROTC, 1610 University Ave

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

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

12/4/2022: 8:15 a.m. – 3 p.m., Madison East Blood Donation Center, 2109 Zeier Rd

12/4/2022: 8:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m., Madison West Blood Donation Center, 4860 Sheboygan Ave

12/5/2022: 8:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Madison East Blood Donation Center, 2109 Zeier Rd

12/5/2022: 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., University of Wisconsin Memorial Union, 800 Langdon St

12/5/2022: 11:45 a.m. – 6:45 p.m., Madison West Blood Donation Center, 4860 Sheboygan Ave

12/6/2022: 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., American Family Insurance Building A, 6000 American Parkway

12/6/2022: 11:45 a.m. – 6:45 p.m., Madison West Blood Donation Center, 4860 Sheboygan Ave

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

12/6/2022: 2 p.m. – 6 p.m., The East Side Club, 3735 Monona Drive

12/7/2022: 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Young Blood Beer Company, 112 King Street

12/7/2022: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 1904 Winnebago St

12/7/2022: 11:45 a.m. – 6:45 p.m., Madison West Blood Donation Center, 4860 Sheboygan Ave

12/7/2022: 12 p.m. – 6:45 p.m., Madison East Blood Donation Center, 2109 Zeier Rd

12/8/2022: 8 a.m. – 1 p.m., US Bank, 1 South Pinckney St

12/8/2022: 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., Zimbrick, 1601 W Beltline Hwy

12/8/2022: 9:45 a.m. – 4:45 p.m., Madison West Blood Donation Center, 4860

Sheboygan Ave

12/8/2022: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Union South, 1308 W Dayton St

12/8/2022: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Agricultural Engineering Building, 460 Henry Mall

12/8/2022: 10:30 a.m. – 5:15 p.m., Madison East Blood Donation Center, 2109 Zeier Rd

12/9/2022: 8:15 a.m. – 3 p.m., Madison East Blood Donation Center, 2109 Zeier Rd

12/9/2022: 8:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m., Madison West Blood Donation Center, 4860 Sheboygan Ave

12/9/2022: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Union South, 1308 W Dayton St

McFarland

12/2/2022: 11 a.m. – 3:45 p.m., McFarland Lutheran Church, 5529 Marsh Rd

Mount Horeb

11/25/2022: 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Evangelical Lutheran Church, 315 E Main

Oregon

11/9/2022: 11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Oregon Fire Station, 117 Spring St

Stoughton

11/15/2022: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 825 S Van Buren St

11/25/2022: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 825 S Van Buren St

Sun Prairie

11/9/2022: 8 a.m. – 1 p.m., VFW Post 9362, 349 S Walker Way

11/15/2022: 8 a.m. – 1 p.m., Heartland Church of Sun Prairie, 800 Wilburn Rd

11/26/2022: 8 a.m. – 1 p.m., The Colonial Club, 301 Blankenheim Ln

12/1/2022: 10:30 a.m. – 3 p.m., Living Water Church, 3075 Prospect Dr

Verona

11/14/2022: 11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Wisconsin Brewing Company, 1079 American Way

11/22/2022: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., UW Health, 100 N Nine Mound Rd

11/25/2022: 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., Sugar River United Methodist Church, 415 W Verona Ave

Waunakee

12/5/2022: 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., Waunakee Village Center, 333 S Madison St

Grant

Bloomington

11/21/2022: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., St. Mary's School, 531 Congress

Boscobel

11/17/2022: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Wisconsin Secure Program Facility, 1101 Morrison Dr

Cuba City

12/7/2022: 12 p.m. – 5 p.m., Fire and Rescue Building, 1013 S Main St

Livingston

11/7/2022: 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., Iowa Grant High School, 462 County Road IG

Muscoda

11/15/2022: 11:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., St. John's Catholic Church, 341 N Wisconsin Ave

Platteville

12/7/2022: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Platteville Public Library, 225 West Main Street

12/8/2022: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Bridgeway Commons, 1200 Southwest Road

Potosi

12/6/2022: 12 p.m. – 5 p.m., Potosi Fire & Rescue Building, 210 N Main St

Green

Albany

11/14/2022: 12 p.m. – 5 p.m., Elementary School, 309 Vinton S

Juda

11/21/2022: 1 p.m. – 6 p.m., Juda High School, N2385 Spring St

Monroe

11/28/2022: 11:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., United Methodist Church, 2227 4th St

12/7/2022: 12:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., Monroe Middle School, 1510 13th St

Iowa

Barneveld

11/9/2022: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., Barneveld High School, 105 W Douglas St

Dodgeville

11/16/2022: 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., Dodgeville High School, 912 W Chapel St

Mineral Point

12/2/2022: 11:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., St Marys St Paul Catholic Church, 224 Davis Street

Juneau

Mauston

11/28/2022: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., Mauston High School, 800 Grayside Ave

12/1/2022: 12:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., St Pauls Lutheran Church, 517 Grayside Ave

Lafayette

Argyle

12/1/2022: 12 p.m. – 5 p.m., Argyle High School, 14665 State Rd 78

Belmont

11/14/2022: 12:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., Belmont Inn and Suites, 103 West Moundview Avenue

Benton

11/17/2022: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m., Benton School, 41 Alma St

Richland

Lone Rock

11/22/2022: 1 p.m. – 6 p.m., Lone Rock Community Building, 214 Broadway Street

Richland Center

11/17/2022: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., Richland Center High School, 23200 Hornet High Rd

11/23/2022: 11:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., Community/Senior Center, 1050 N Orange St

Viola

11/16/2022: 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Kickapoo High School, S6520 State Hwy 131

Rock

Beloit

11/22/2022: 12 p.m. – 5 p.m., Beloit Life Center, 2170 Murphy Woods Road

Edgerton

11/8/2022: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., St Joseph Catholic Church, 590 S St Joseph Circle

Evansville

11/7/2022: 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., Evansville High School, 640 S Fifth St

11/23/2022: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., Creekside Place Community Center, 102 Maple St

Janesville

11/21/2022: 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., Janesville Masonic Center, 2322 E. Milwaukee St.

11/25/2022: 8 a.m. – 1 p.m., YMCA of Northern Rock County, 221 Dodge St.

11/28/2022: 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., St Johns Lutheran Church, 302 N Parker Drive

11/29/2022: 1 p.m. – 6 p.m., St Johns Lutheran Church, 302 N Parker Drive

12/2/2022: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., Uptown Janesville, 2500 Milton Ave.

Milton

11/18/2022: 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., St Marys Center, 837 Parkview

Orfordville

11/30/2022: 12 p.m. – 5 p.m., American Legion, 3913 S State Rd 213

Sauk

Baraboo

11/7/2022: 12:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., Ho Chunk Gaming, S3214 County Rd. BD

Lake Delton

12/5/2022: 12:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., La Quinta by Wyndham, 444 Wisconsin Dells Parkway S.

Loganville

12/3/2022: 8 a.m. – 1 p.m., Saint Peters Lutheran Church, Saint Peters Lutheran Church, 325 Mill Street

Merrimac

12/8/2022: 12 p.m. – 5 p.m., Merrimac Village Hall, 100 Cook St

Reedsburg

11/21/2022: 11:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., Recreation Center, 134 South Locust St.

12/5/2022: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Reedsburg Area Medical Center, 2000 N. Dewey Ave.

Sauk City

11/9/2022: 12 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., River Hills Community Church, 1111 Sycamore St.

11/18/2022: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., River Hills Community Church, 1111 Sycamore St.

11/25/2022: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., River Hills Community Church, 1111 Sycamore St.

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.