

Suncoast Communities Blood Bank

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Critical Blood Shortages At Sarasota Memorial And Doctors Hospitals

Sarasota- Sarasota Memorial and Doctors Hospitals are experiencing critical blood shortages. Very high census at the hospitals has resulted in elevated blood use. There is no O positive blood type on the shelf at SMH, the most commonly used blood type. Supplies of O negative and A negative blood types are also at dangerously low levels.

In response, Suncoast Communities Blood Bank is issuing a critical blood alert. The public is urged to donate blood within the next 24 to 36 hours to help sustain the unusually high blood demands for both of these hospitals.

Contributing to the crisis were several severe cases, including an aneurysm patient using 21 units of blood and two open heart patients using a total of 32 units. SCBB must collect 100 units daily to meet minimum needs. Excessive usage results in critical shortage.

Suncoast Communities Blood Bank urges the community to help our hospitals by donating blood at our donation centers and bloodmobiles listed below, now through Thursday.

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Our Donation Centers

1760 Mound Street	Sarasota	Today-Thursday	8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
1097 N. Tamiami Trail	Nokomis	Today-Thursday	8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
710 N. Brevard Avenue	Arcadia	Open Today	1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Bloodmobile Schedule

Today

- HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital, 6400 Edgelake Drive, Sarasota
8:00 a.m. to Noon
- Sarasota Memorial Healthcare Center at Blackburn Point, 929 S. Tamiami Trail, Osprey
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Gettel Supercenter 3500 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota
1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday

- Palm Aire Country Club 5601 Country Club, Sarasota
9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Darby Buick 1455 South Tamiami Trail, Venice
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- The Jockey Club 3050 Pan American Blvd, North Port
3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Thursday

- Arcadia FDOT 1190 West Oak Street, Arcadia
7:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.
- King's Gate Club 273 Avenue of Queens, Nokomis
8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- Sarasota Memorial Health Care Center Main Plaza 1991 Main Street, Sarasota
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- DeSoto County Sheriff's Office 208 E. Cypress Street, Arcadia
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- McBee Payroll 2833 Cattlemen Road, Sarasota
12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Ardaman & Associates 78 Sarasota Center Blvd, Sarasota
12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For more information please call 1-866-97BLOOD or visit www.scbb.org

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