

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Critical Blood Need at Local Hospitals

Sarasota- Local hospitals have less than a 12 hour supply of blood available to handle emergency and planned medical needs. There is currently no A negative blood type on the shelf and only 12 units of O negative blood type available. SCBB must issue this critical blood alert as a result of the drop off of donations during the Thanksgiving holiday, high patient census, and several emergency surgeries.

The public is urged to donate within the next 24 to 36 hours to help sustain the blood needs of Sarasota Memorial, Doctors Hospital and DeSoto Memorial Hospital.

Nothing can substitute O negative blood type because it’s primarily used for traumas and can be transfused to anyone in medical need. Sarasota Memorial Hospital is over 80% full with patients—two of those patients at SMH last night required more than 7 units of red blood cells each and multiple units of other blood components. One of those patients was an open heart patient.

Suncoast Communities Blood Bank urges the community to help our hospitals by donating blood immediately at the main locations and bloodmobiles listed below, now through Monday.

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Main Location Open Today

1760 Mound Street Sarasota Open until 4:30 p.m.

Main Locations Open Saturday

1760 Mound Street	Sarasota	8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
710 North Brevard Avenue	Arcadia	9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
1097 North Tamiami Trail	Nokomis	8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Bloodmobile Schedule

Friday

Kimal Lumber	11196 Hughey Kimal Drive	Venice
		1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Lettuce Lake	8644 SW Reese Avenue	Arcadia
		1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Saturday

Sweetbay Supermarket 1951 South McCall Road Englewood
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Wal-Mart Supercenter 13140 Tamiami Trail Osprey
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Ringling College of Art and Design 2836 N. Tamiami Trail Sarasota
Noon to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday

Grace Baptist Church 8000 Bee Ridge Road Sarasota
9:00 a.m. to Noon

Fellowship of Believers 3333 12th Street Sarasota
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Monday

Sarasota County School Board Facility 351 Old Venice Road Venice
8:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Sarasota County Sheriff's Office Fleet Facility 425 Old Venice Road Venice
10:30 a.m. to Noon

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

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