



A Not-For-Profit  
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Blood Bank

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NEWS RELEASE  
**Blood Supplies At Critical Level**  
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**TODAY local blood supplies are at a critical level, especially the type O-positive and all negative blood types. Suncoast Communities Blood Bank is asking all eligible blood donors and those interested in donating to visit a blood center or bloodmobile to donate within the next 24 hours.**

The supply need is critical to the operation of the hospitals within Sarasota, Charlotte and DeSoto Counties to adequately meet the needs of our community. According to the National Blood Exchange (NBE) there is a general blood shortage for all types of blood nationwide and it is especially affecting Florida. The NBE attributes this to the drastic temperature changes as summer has approached quickly with heat waves. The summer months are also when the Blood Bank experiences a shortage of blood donations because seasonal residents and yearly residents either return north or take a vacation. The Blood Bank encourages all people to consider helping during this very important time. One blood donation can help save up to three lives. There's an 85% chance that a person may one day need a blood transfusion. It only takes a few moments to give the Gift of Life! To qualify to donate a person must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be in generally good health.

**The following Suncoast Communities Blood Bank locations or bloodmobiles are open for blood donations:**

## **Today:**

### **Sarasota**

Suncoast Communities Blood Bank  
1760 Mound Street

Open **until 7:00 p.m.**

### **Nokomis**

Suncoast Communities Blood Bank  
1097 North Tamiami Trail

Open **until 6:00 p.m.**

### **Sarasota Bloodmobile Drive**

Palm-Aire Country Club, 5601 Country Club Drive, in Sarasota **until 6:00 p.m.**

## **Thursday:**

### **Sarasota**

Suncoast Communities Blood Bank  
1760 Mound Street

Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### **Nokomis**

Suncoast Communities Blood Bank  
1097 North Tamiami Trail

Hours: 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

### **Sarasota Bloodmobile Drives**

Florida Department of Transportation. 1840 61<sup>st</sup> Street. Hours: 7:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

The Zenith building. 1390 Main Street. Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

\*Bloodmobile will be located on State Street.

## **Friday:**

### **Sarasota**

Suncoast Communities Blood Bank  
1760 Mound Street

Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### **Sarasota Bloodmobile Drives**

Sarasota Commerce Center II.100 Arthur Andersen Parkway. Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Arrow Environmental, 6183 Palmer Boulevard. Hours: 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Sarasota Herald Tribune Facility, 1800 University Parkway. Hours: 6:00-8:00 p.m.

**Saturday:**

**Sarasota**

Suncoast Communities Blood Bank

1760 Mound Street

Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**Sarasota Bloodmobile Drive**

Crossings Shopping Center, 5421 Fruitville Road. Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Venice Bloodmobile Drive**

Wal-Mart. 4150 South Tamiami Trail from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

The Blood Bank welcomes walk-in donations or appointments. To schedule an appointment to donate please call 941-954-1600 extension 240. For more information about specific bloodmobile locations or how to make a blood donation, visit [www.scbb.org](http://www.scbb.org) . The Blood Bank is not affiliated with the American Red Cross.

1760 Mound Street  
Sarasota, FL 34236-7761

1097 N. Tamiami Trail  
Nokomis, FL 34275-2163

710 N. Brevard Avenue  
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