

GREATER CINCINNATI HOSPITALS COLLECTING CONVALESCENT PLASMA FOR COVID-19 TREATMENT



Regional collaboration makes Greater Cincinnati Stronger. Hoxworth Blood Center at the University of Cincinnati, is working closely with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to collect and distribute convalescent plasma from individuals who have recovered from COVID-19 through Greater Cincinnati's Hospitals.

"Hoxworth Blood Center is expanding their lifesaving mission to include convalescent plasma for patients in critical need. This promising investigational product must get to patients without delay," said Dr. David Oh, Chief Medical Officer, Hoxworth Blood Center. "As the only steward of the local blood supply, Hoxworth will support all hospitals in the region seeking this therapy."

While COVID-19 currently has no proven treatment, it is possible that convalescent plasma, a component of blood from patients that have recovered from COVID-19, may provide antibodies to fight the virus. Individuals who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 may be eligible to donate 28 days after complete resolution of their symptoms.

Additional information about convalescent plasma can be found on the Hoxworth [website](#). To be eligible for plasma donation, donors must be at least 17 years old (16 with parental consent), feeling generally well and healthy, and have no active cold or flu symptoms. Individuals must have had a confirmed case of COVID-19 and be symptom free for at least 28 days. To schedule a donation, call (513) 451-0910 or visit www.hoxworth.org. **Appointments are required at this time in order to maintain social distancing protocol.**