

# COVID-19 and Blood Donation

Having a strong blood supply is more important than ever, especially as we continue to monitor the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Below are some facts and information regarding the safety of the blood donation process at Luminis Health Anne Arundel Medical Center's (LHAAMC) Blood Donor Center.

## We are practicing social distancing.

- We are keeping a safe distance between the blood donors and technicians in the blood donor center and the blood mobile.
- On the blood mobile we are not currently using all the donation chairs.
- In the blood donor center we have minimized the capacity in the waiting room.

## There have been no cases of COVID-19 linked to donor blood.

- As stated by the AABB (formerly known as the American Association of Blood Banks), there is no evidence that COVID-19 can be transmitted through a blood transfusion.

## Individuals who have had COVID-19 and are fully recovered can donate blood.

- Per the FDA guidelines, individuals are eligible to donate blood 10 days after a positive COVID-19 test result (if asymptomatic) or complete resolution of symptoms.

## Vaccinated individuals can donate blood.

- The FDA permits individuals to donate blood after they have received a vaccine that is authorized in the U.S., including those manufactured by Johnson & Johnson, Moderna and Pfizer. Individuals who receive the Johnson & Johnson vaccine will have a short waiting period of 14 days.

## Our donor interview process identifies healthy blood donors.

- We've added several screening questions that are specific to COVID-19 to our donor interview process.

## Our blood donation process is quick and easy.

- We understand that your time is valuable and we can often have you in and out in just 30 minutes.
- When drawing blood we take every precaution and the donor's safety is our priority.