



Coastal Bend Blood Center

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Convalescent COVID-19 Plasma Donation

The Coastal Bend Blood Center (CBBC) has a process in place for the collection of Convalescent COVID-19 Plasma according to current FDA IND regulations. Convalescent plasma is being investigated for the treatment of COVID-19 because there is no approved treatment for this disease, and there is some information that suggests it might help some patients recover from COVID-19.

CBBC is adhering to the “FDA Guidance for Industry: Investigational COVID-19 Convalescent Plasma” Updated May 1, 2020.

The FDA Guidance has criteria for a Recovered COVID-19 individual to be a potential donor, and they are as follows:

- COVID-19 convalescent plasma must only be collected from recovered individuals if they are eligible to donate blood by meeting all Allogeneic Blood Donation criteria.
 - Reference 21 CFR 630.10, 21 CFR 630.15.
- The donation will also have all required blood donation transfusion-transmitted infectious disease testing performed, and the donation must be found suitable.
 - Reference 21 CFR 610.40, 21 CFR 630.30

Additional criteria for donor eligibility is as follows:

- Evidence of COVID-19 documented by a laboratory test either by:
 - A diagnostic test (e.g., nasopharyngeal swab) at the time of illness
- OR**
- A positive serological test for SARS-CoV-2 antibodies after recovery, if prior diagnostic testing was not performed at the time COVID-10 was suspected.
- Complete resolution of symptoms at least 14 days before the donation. A negative result for COVID-19 by a diagnostic test is not necessary to qualify.
- Male donors, or female donor who have not been pregnant, or female donors who have been tested since their most recent pregnancy and results interpreted as negative for HLA antibodies.
- SARS-CoV-2 neutralizing antibody titers, if available.

If you meet all the above criteria for Convalescent COVID-19 Plasma donation, please contact the Coastal Bend Blood Center to begin your donation process by visiting www.coastalbendbloodcenter.org and complete the ‘Become a Convalescent COVID-19 Plasma Donor’ information.

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