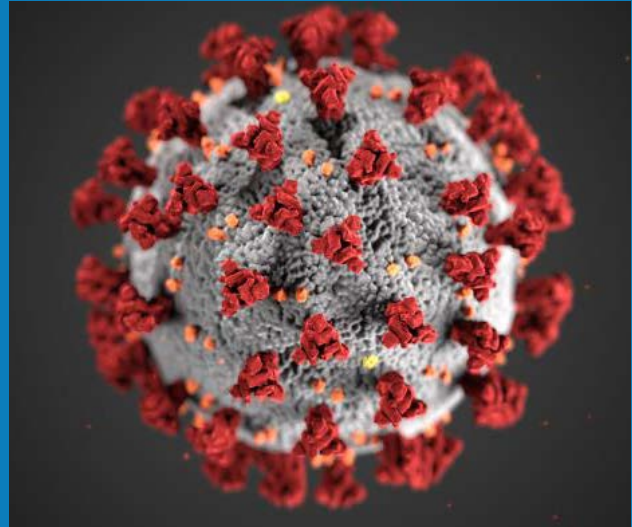


Convalescent Plasma Factsheet

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The U.S. Food and Drug Administration continues to play a critical role in accelerating medical countermeasures to treat and prevent COVID-19. FDA is facilitating the development of numerous potential COVID-19 treatments.

Working together with health care organizations and other partners across the U.S., FDA is committed to slowing the spread and meeting the challenge of COVID-19. One potential treatment, which we are engaged in a national effort to coordinate, is convalescent plasma.



WHAT IS CONVALESCENT PLASMA?

Convalescent plasma is the liquid part of blood that contains antibodies, which is collected from patients who have recovered from the novel coronavirus disease, COVID-19, caused by the virus SARS-CoV-2.

Some data suggests that convalescent plasma might help some patients who are sick with COVID-19. Because COVID-19 has never been seen in humans before, there are currently no vaccines to prevent or drugs to treat COVID-19, approved by the FDA.

If you have fully recovered from COVID-19, you may be able to help patients currently fighting the infection by donating your plasma. Because you fought the infection, your plasma now contains COVID-19 antibodies. These antibodies provided one way for your immune system to fight the virus when you were sick, so your plasma may be able to be used to help others fight off the disease.

CAN I DONATE PLASMA?

People who have been diagnosed with and have fully recovered from COVID-19 for at least two weeks are encouraged to consider donating plasma. Convalescent plasma must only be collected from people who have recovered from COVID-19 if they are eligible to donate blood.



HOW CAN I DONATE PLASMA?

You can contact your local blood donation center or the American Red Cross to ask about options to donate convalescent plasma in your area. Find the site nearest you.

- AAAB (formerly known as the American Association of Blood Banks):
<http://www.aabb.org/tm/donation/Pages/Blood-Bank-Locator.aspx>
- America's Blood Centers:
<https://americasblood.org/for-donors/find-a-blood-center/>
- American Red Cross:
<https://www.redcross.org/give-blood.html>
- Plasma Protein Therapeutics Association:
<https://www.donatingplasma.org>

If you have recovered from COVID-19 and are able to donate plasma, you could have an immediate and direct impact in helping others who are severely ill. In fact, one donation has the potential to help up to four patients.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

- [Coronavirus Disease \(COVID-19\)](#)