Blood Donor Eligibility and Deferral Guidelines

Please also refer to the Blood Donor Education Material and Medication Deferral lists.



You should be feeling well today







You should also have had a full meal today, and be well-hydrated



You need to have proper ID that isn't expired.

Age Requirement:

Or 16 yrs old with parent's permission

There is no upper age limit to donate blood!



You must weigh at least 110 lbs (16 year olds must weigh at least 130 lbs) You must not be currently pregnant



Medications Deferral Times (Starting from last dose)

DO NOT STOP taking medications prescribed by your doctor in order to donate blood. Donating while taking these drugs could have a negative side effect on your health or on the health of the recipient of your blood.

48 Hours

- Antibiotics (Taken orally)
- Anticoagulants (blood thinners): Eliquis, Arictra, Fragmin, etc

7 Days

Antibiotics (taken via injection)

30 Days

- Proscar or Propecia (finasteride)
- Accutane (Isotretinoin)

3 Months

- PrEP/PEP, Truvada, Descovy
- **Hepatitis B Immune Globulin**

6 Months

Avodart or Jalyn (Dutasteride)

24 Months

- **Apretude** (cabotegravir)
- Erivedge (vismodegib)
- Odomzo (sonidegib)

36 Months

 Soriatane (acitretin)

Lifetime Deferral If you have EVER taken:

Tegison

- (etretinate)
- Antiretroviral therapy (ART) for HIV treatment

Can still Donate if taking (WHOLE BLOOD ONLY):

• Antiplatelet agents: Plavix, Feldene, Effient, Brilinta, Ticlid, Zontivity

Dental Work

- · 24 Hours- Cleaning or filling
- 72 Hours- Dental or Oral surgery

Cancer History

- · 1 Year since last treatment-Soft tissue malignancies (colon, breast, kidney, etc.)
- Can NOT donate- Blood or bone marrow malignancy (Leukemia, Lymphoma, Myeloma, etc.)

Pregnancy

· 6 Weeks- End of pregnancy

Blood Transfusion or Non-self Tissue **Transplant**

3 Months

Vaccinations

- No Wait (if showing no reaction)- Influenza, Tetanus, Meningitis, Hepatitis A, COVID-19, Jynneos Vaccine, RSV (Árexvy & Abrysvo), Shingrix
- 2 Weeks- Measles (Rubeola), Mumps, Polio (by mouth), Yellow Fever
- 21 Days- Hepatitis B (NOT Hepatitis B immunoglobulin)
- 4 Weeks- German Measles (Rubella), MMR (measles, Mumps, and Rubella), Chicken Pox

Medical Conditions

You can NOT donate if you have history of:

- Heart disease, angina, or other heart problems
- Chronic lung/breathing problems
- Hepatitis B or C
- **Bleeding & clotting disorders** (Hemophilia A or B, Factor V Leiden Deficiency, etc.)
- Sickle Cell Disease (Sickle Cell Trait OK-Please disclose)
- Chronic kidney or liver disease
- Blood or bone marrow cancers
- Autoimmune Disorders (Rheumatoid Arthritis, Ulcerative Colitis, Crohn's, MS, Myasthenia Gravis, etc.)

Tattoos, Piercings, Body Branding, Botox

- No wait to donate- if tattoo was applied at a licensed tattoo parlor in the U.S.* (exceptions- see below), or by a Dermatologist (M.D.)
- **3 Months-** if **tattoo** was non-professionally applied. done outside of the U.S., *or applied in the listed states: District of Columbia, Georgia, Idaho, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Pennsylvania, Utah, Wyoming
- No wait to donate- if piercing was performed using sterile single-use equipment
- **3 Months-** if **piercing** was self-applied, or not performed using sterile single-use equipment
- 3 Months- Any body branding
- 1 Month- Botox injection for eye surgery
- No wait to donate- Cosmetic Botox treatments