

# Red Cross Needs Thousands Of Additional Blood Donations To Replenish Supply

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**ST. LOUIS** — Since announcing a national blood and platelet shortage a month ago, thousands of donors across the country have rolled up a sleeves to help rebuild the American Red Cross blood and platelet supply.

Donors have been stepping up to help rebuild the blood supply since the American Red Cross first announced our national blood and platelet shortage last month.

"Unfortunately, hospital demand continues to outpace donations," Sharon Watson, Regional Communications Director for the Red Cross, said on Friday. "We need an additional 10,000 blood and platelet donations each week over the next month to meet patient needs."

"The Red Cross is working around-the-clock to ensure patients have access to lifesaving transfusions and must collect 10,000 additional blood and platelet donations – over and above expectations – each week over the next month to sufficiently meet hospital needs. Donors of all blood types are urged to book a time to give now, especially those with type O blood or those giving platelets."

In thanks for helping, all who come to give Oct. 21-Nov. 9 will receive a \$10 gift card by email to a restaurant merchant of their choice to enjoy lunch on the Red Cross. They will also be automatically entered to win a \$5,000 gift card. There will be three lucky winners – one chosen at random each week. Details are available at [RedCrossBlood.org /Lunch](https://www.redcrossblood.org/Lunch).

**Don't wait – patients are counting on critical care this fall. To make an appointment, use the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).**

### **Flu and COVID-19 vaccines don't affect donor eligibility**

As cold and flu season quickly approaches, the Red Cross is reminding donors that they can still give blood or platelets after receiving a flu vaccine, so long as they are feeling healthy and well on the day of their donation. Likewise, there is no deferral or wait time for those receiving the updated COVID-19 vaccine.

### **Upcoming blood donation opportunities Oct. 21-Nov. 9**

#### **Illinois**

#### **Bond**

#### **Greenville**

11/2/2023: 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., VFW Post 1377, 2043 South 4th Street

#### **Pocahontas**

11/7/2023: 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., St Nicholas Church, 401 East State Street

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## **Christian**

### **Pana**

11/8/2023: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Pana High School, East 9th Street

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### **Clay**

### **Flora**

10/23/2023: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m., Christ's Church Flora, 200 N Olive Rd

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### **Clinton**

### **Aviston**

11/6/2023: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., American Legion Hall, 601 South Clinton Street

### **Breese**

10/23/2023: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Mater Dei High School, 900 North Mater Dei Drive

### **Hoffman**

11/6/2023: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m., Hoffman Village Hall, 110 East Park Avenue

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### **Coles**

### **Charleston**

10/30/2023: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Charleston Middle School, 910 Smith Drive

### **Mattoon**

10/26/2023: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m., Burgess Osborne Auditorium, 1701 Wabash Avenue

11/9/2023: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Lake Land College, 5001 Lake Land Blvd

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## **Crawford**

## **Flat Rock**

11/3/2023: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m., Flat Rock Community Center, 310 West Second Street

## **Hutsonville**

11/8/2023: 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., Hutsonville High School, 500 West Clover Street

## **Robinson**

10/30/2023: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m., Robinson Public Library, 606 N Jefferson St

11/1/2023: 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Robinson High School, 2000 North Cross Street

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## **Cumberland**

## **Toledo**

10/25/2023: 1 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., Neal Center YMCA, 130 Courthouse Square

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## **Effingham**

## **Dieterich**

10/25/2023: 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., Dieterich High School, 205 S Pine

## **Effingham**

10/21/2023: 7:45 a.m. - 2:15 p.m., Effingham Blood Donation Center, 603 Eden Ave

10/24/2023: 12:15 p.m. - 6:45 p.m., Effingham Blood Donation Center, 603 Eden Ave

10/25/2023: 12:15 p.m. - 6:45 p.m., Effingham Blood Donation Center, 603 Eden Ave

10/25/2023: 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., Effingham Event Center, 1501 West Fayette

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## **Mason**

10/24/2023: 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., Mason Christian Church Annex, 624 North Route 37

## **Teutopolis**

11/7/2023: 12:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., Teutopolis Banquet Hall, 210 S Pearl

## **Jasper**

## **Sainte Marie**

10/23/2023: 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., St Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, 112 Embarrass

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## **Jefferson**

## **Bluford**

11/8/2023: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m., Bluford Elementary School, 907 West 6th Street

## **Dix**

11/1/2023: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m., Dix Community Center, 217 North Main

## **Mount Vernon**

10/24/2023: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m., Rolland Lewis Community Building, South 27th Street

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## **Jersey**

## **Jerseyville**

11/2/2023: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., LifechurchX, 300 Bluebird Lane

11/3/2023: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m., JCH East Annex, 220 East County Road

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## **Madison**

## **Alton**

10/23/2023: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m., Senior Services Plus Inc, 2603 North Rodgers

## **Bethalto**

10/26/2023: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., Civic Memorial High School, 200 School Street

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10/31/2023: 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., Bethalto Senior Center, 100 E Central

## **Collinsville**

10/26/2023: 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., American Legion Post 365, 1022 Vandalia

## **Edwardsville**

10/27/2023: 12:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., Trace on the Parkway Apartments, 6150 Trace Pkwy Dr

11/2/2023: 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., Edwardsville High School, 6161 Center Grove Dr.

11/3/2023: 12:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., Edwardsville Public Safety Building, 333 S Main Street

11/8/2023: 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., First Christian Church, 310 S. Main

## **Glen Carbon**

11/9/2023: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m., Sunset Hills Funeral Home, 50 Fountain Dr

## **Godfrey**

11/1/2023: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Alton Wood River Sportsmens Club, 3109 Godfrey Rd.

11/8/2023: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Lewis and Clark Community College, 5800 Godfrey Rd.

## **Granite City**

10/25/2023: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Southwestern Illinois College, 4950 Maryville Rd

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## **Marion**

## **Centralia**

10/27/2023: 12 p.m. - 4 p.m., Central City Elementary School, 129 Douglas Street

11/1/2023: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Kaskaskia College, 27210 College Road

## **Odin**

10/23/2023: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m., Odin Public School, 102 South Merritt

## **Salem**

11/9/2023: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m., Luther B Easley American Legion Post 128, 1001 E. Main

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## **Monroe**

## **Columbia**

10/24/2023: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Turner Hall, 211 East Cherry Street

11/3/2023: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 400 Palmer Rd

## **Waterloo**

10/24/2023: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., First Baptist Church, 320 Covington Drive

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## **Montgomery**

## **Raymond**

11/1/2023: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Lincolnwood Jr/Sr High School, 507 Prairie St

## **Witt**

11/2/2023: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m., Witt Lions Club, 500 S Main St

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## **Randolph**

## **Chester**

10/25/2023: 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., Chester High School, 1901 Swanwick Street

## **Evansville**

11/1/2023: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m., Knights of Columbus, 303 Broad St.

## **Sparta**



10/25/2023: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Sparta High School, 205 West Hood Avenue

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## **Richland**

### **Noble**

11/6/2023: 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., Noble Lions Club Building, 112 West South Avenue

### **Olney**

10/27/2023: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., Olney Central College, 305 North West Street

11/5/2023: 7 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., St Joseph Stringtown Community Club, 6342 County Rd 1700 E

11/9/2023: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m., VFW, 205 North Walnut

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## **Saint Clair**

### **Belleville**

10/30/2023: 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., Notre Dame Academy, 1900 West Belle

11/7/2023: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Memorial Hospital Belleville, 4500 Memorial Drive

### **Fairview Heights**

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## **Freeburg**

10/23/2023: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m., Freeburg Township Office, 203 S. Richland Street

## **O Fallon**

10/23/2023: 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., Public Safety Building, 285 N. 7 Hills Rd

## **Saint Libory**

11/2/2023: 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., St. Liborius Church, 911 Sparta Street

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## **Washington**

## **Nashville**

10/24/2023: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Nashville High School, 1300 South Mill

10/25/2023: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m., Grupo Antolin, 18355 Enterprise Ave

11/7/2023: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m., Washington County Hospital-Nashville, 705 South Grand

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## **Saint Louis**

## **Affton**

10/31/2023: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Affton Fire Protection District, 9282 Gravois Rd.

## **Ballwin**

10/22/2023: 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., St Mark Presbyterian Church, 601 Claymont

10/25/2023: 12:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m., Manchester Parks, Recreation, & Arts office, 359 Old Meramec Station Rd

10/27/2023: 2 p.m. - 7 p.m., Holy Infant Catholic Church, 248 New Ballwin Rd

## **Chesterfield**

10/21/2023: 7:45 a.m. - 2:45 p.m., West County Blood Donation Center, 13369 Olive Blvd.

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### **Clayton**

10/21/2023: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Clayton High School, 1 Mark Twain Cir

### **Creve Coeur**

11/8/2023: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., United Hebrew Congregation, 13788 Conway Road

### **Des Peres**

11/3/2023: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., St Paul Lutheran Church, 12345 Manchester

### **Ellisville**

10/24/2023: 3 p.m. - 7 p.m., Pathfinder Church -Cornerstone Building, 15800 Manchester Rd.

### **Eureka**

11/6/2023: 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., Elks Lodge, 19 W 1st St

## **Florissant**

10/25/2023: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., Florissant Meadow's Shopping Center, 740 N. Highway 67

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11/1/2023: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., Florissant Meadow's Shopping Center, 740 N. Highway 67

11/3/2023: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Northwest Healthcare, 1225 Graham Road

11/8/2023: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., Florissant Meadow's Shopping Center, 740 N. Highway 67

11/9/2023: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., Florissant Meadow's Shopping Center, 740 N. Highway 67

## **Kirkwood**

10/23/2023: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m., City of Kirkwood, 111 South Geyer

11/6/2023: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 100 East Adams Ave.

## **Manchester**

11/9/2023: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., The Manchester Police Department, 200 Highlands Boulevard Drive

## **Maryland Heights**

10/23/2023: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Grace Church, 2695 Creve Coeur Mill Rd

## **Saint Louis**

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10/23/2023: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., South County YMCA, 12736 Southfork Road

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10/24/2023: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m., Center of Clayton, 50 Gay Avenue

10/25/2023: 12:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m., South County Blood Donation Center, 9230 Watson Rd.

10/25/2023: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m., Cliff Cave Library, 5430 Telegraph Rd

10/25/2023: 1 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., Westborough Country Club, 631 S Berry Rd

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10/27/2023: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., St Louis Area Chapter American Red Cross, 10195 Corporate Square

10/27/2023: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m., Abiding Savior Lutheran Church and School, 4353 Butler Hill Rd,

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11/6/2023: 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., American Legion Post 111, 7300 Lansdowne Ave

11/7/2023: 8:30 a.m. - 3:15 p.m., South County Blood Donation Center, 9230 Watson Rd.

11/7/2023: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Oakville Middle School, 5950 Telegraph Rd

11/7/2023: 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., Elks Lodge, 2726 Oakville Elks Lane

11/8/2023: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Roofers Mart, 7208 Weil Ave

11/8/2023: 12:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m., South County Blood Donation Center, 9230 Watson Rd.

11/9/2023: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Chamberlain College of Nursing, 11830 Westline Industrial Drive, Suite 106

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## **Saint Louis City**

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10/24/2023: 12 p.m. - 4 p.m., Busch Student Center, 20 N Grand

10/24/2023: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m., Barnes-Jewish Hospital, One Barnes Hospital Plaza, North South Link



10/31/2023: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Barnes-Jewish Hospital, One Barnes Hospital Plaza, North South Link

11/8/2023: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., New City School, 5209 Waterman Blvd

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## **St Charles County**

### **St Charles**

10/27/2023: 3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Spellmann Center, John Weber Dr

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## **How to donate blood**

A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

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### ***About the American Red Cross:***

*The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides comfort to victims of disasters; supplies about 40% of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; distributes international humanitarian aid; and supports veterans, military members and their families. The Red Cross is a nonprofit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to deliver its mission. For more information, please visit [redcross.org](https://www.redcross.org) or [CruzRojaAmericana.org](https://www.CruzRojaAmericana.org), or visit us on Twitter at [@RedCross](https://twitter.com/RedCross).*