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### **Blood Supply to Local Trauma Centers Running on Fumes**

*Bloodworks Northwest issuing urgent appeal for donors after inventories dipped sharply*

**Seattle, WA** – Running out of gas is inconvenient. Running out of blood is deadly. Bloodworks Northwest is bracing for low blood supplies this summer so they’re ramping up their appeal for blood donations, especially Type O blood types. Bloodworks is at less than a single day supply of O Positive and O Negative because those two types are required most for emergencies in trauma centers across the Pacific Northwest.

“Making things worse, there is a nationwide shortage on group O, the universal blood type, which effects our ability to receive assistance from other parts of the country,” says Brian Danforth, Bloodworks Northwest Senior Customer Engagement and Business Development Executive. “Compounding the problem is the fact that Easter Weekend donations were down as well.”

Bloodworks has fun perks for people who donate a pint by April 30 to help end the shortage. Donors who give before the end of the month will be entered to win travel prizes like \$500 Alaska Airlines vouchers, \$100 REI and gas gift cards. The campaign is called [Bold for Blood & Adventure](#). So far, response has been encouraging, but Bloodworks is concerned that the upcoming Memorial Day Weekend will impact their ability to provide urgently-needed blood for emergencies at a time when the trauma units around our region typically experience high patient usage.

“We’re urging folks to make an appointment as soon as possible to pump up the community, if you will, and help restore our inventories to normal levels,” says Danforth. “A strong blood supply is critical to healthcare in our community.”

Donors can find locations of donor centers and drives or make appointments online at [BloodworksNW.org](http://BloodworksNW.org), by calling 800-398-7888, or by texting bloodapp to 91985 to download the [Bloodworks App](#).

Blood donation takes about an hour and each donation can help up to three people in the Pacific Northwest. The actual donation time is only about 10 minutes. Most people in good health are eligible to donate blood every 56 days. Volunteer donors are the only source of blood.

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- [Bellevue Center](#)  
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Bellevue, WA 98005  
425-453-4011
- [Bellingham Center](#)  
410 W Bakerview Rd., Suite 117  
Bellingham, WA 98226  
360-671-8848
- [Central Seattle](#)  
921 Terry Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104  
206-292-6500
- [Everett Center](#)  
2703 Oakes Avenue  
Everett, WA 98201  
425-740-2909
- [Federal Way Center](#)  
1414 S 324TH Street  
Suite B101  
Federal Way, WA 98003  
253-945-8660
- [Lynnwood Center](#)  
19723 Highway 99, Suite F  
Lynnwood, WA 98036  
425-412-1000
- [Olympia Center](#)  
1220 Eastside Street SE  
Olympia, WA 98501  
360-596-3950
- [North Seattle Center](#)  
10357 Stone Avenue N  
Seattle, WA 98133  
206-526-1970
- [Silverdale Center](#)  
3230 NW Randall Way  
Silverdale, WA 98383  
360-308-7340
- [Tukwila Center](#)  
130 Andover Park E  
Tukwila, WA 98188  
206-241-6300
- [Vancouver, WA Donor Center](#)  
9320 NE Vancouver Mall Blvd, Suite100  
Vancouver, WA 98662  
360-567-4800
- [Lane Blood Center](#)  
2211 Willamette St  
Eugene, OR 97405  
541-484-9111

## **About Bloodworks Northwest**

Bloodworks (formerly Puget Sound Blood Center) is backed by 75 years of Northwest history and 250,000 donors. It is local, nonprofit, independent, volunteer-supported and community-based. A recognized leader in transfusion medicine, Bloodworks serves patients in more than 100 hospitals in Washington, Oregon and Alaska — partnering closely with local hospitals to deliver the highest level of patient care. Comprehensive services include blood components, complex cross-matching, specialized lab services for organ transplants, care for patients with blood disorders, and collection of cord blood stem cells for cancer treatment. Bloodworks Research Institute performs leading-edge research in blood biology, transfusion medicine, blood storage and treatment of blood disorders. Patients with traumatic injuries, undergoing surgeries or organ transplantation, or receiving treatment for cancer and blood disorders all depend on our services, expertise, laboratories and research. For more information, visit [bloodworksnw.org](http://bloodworksnw.org)

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