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**Snowstorm dents local blood supply, donations urged before second storm hits**  
*1,500 collections lost in last 3 days due to cancelled drives, appointments*

**Seattle, WA** – The snowstorm and icy roads that closed schools and many businesses on Monday also put a major dent in the local blood supply, according to Bloodworks Northwest. At emergency level—less than a one-day supply—donors are urged to make an appointment as soon as possible before the second winter storm hits.

“Snow and icy road conditions on Monday caused the cancellation of hundreds of appointments at our donor centers and prevented mobile drives when severe road conditions stranded people at home,” said Dr. James P. AuBuchon, president and chief executive officer. “We’re urging folks to make an appointment as soon as possible to help get our inventories back to normal levels.”

An estimated 1,500 collections were lost in the last three days as a result of the snowstorm. On average, it takes about 900 donors per day to maintain a healthy supply for local patients. Donors can go to any one of 12 centers, or give blood at mobile drives at schools, workplaces or community halls. Donating a pint of blood is simple to do and takes less than an hour. Frequently asked questions are posted on Bloodworks [website](#).

"Our region is expected to have more widespread snow starting Friday. Before the storm hits or as soon as donors are able to travel safely, we’re asking them to make an appointment or to go to a mobile drive so we can rebuild our supplies from emergency low levels,” AuBuchon said. “All blood types are needed, so if you are healthy and haven’t donated recently -- or especially if you are a first time donor -- please make an appointment this week to donate.”

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](#).

## Bloodworks Donor Centers:

Appointments and information at [BloodworksNW.org](http://BloodworksNW.org), 800-398-7888, or text bloodapp to 91985 to receive a link on your phone. Please check [BloodworksNW.org](http://BloodworksNW.org) for snow delays.

- [Bellevue Center](#)  
1807 132nd Avenue NE  
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 BloodworksNW

Bloodworks (formerly Puget Sound Blood Center) is backed by 70 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 90 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)