



# COVID-19 DONOR PROJECT FAQ

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## Am I qualified to become a research donor?

Research blood donors must meet the following requirements:

1. Age of at least 18 years at time of providing informed consent
2. Capable of reading, discussing and understanding study-related information in English
3. Capable of providing valid informed consent
4. Legally qualified to receive donor reimbursement
5. Reliably capable of receiving US mail, electronic mail and telephone calls
6. Anticipated to be available for scheduled donation(s)
7. Weight of more than 110 pounds (50 kg)
8. Donors must have been diagnosed with COVID-19
9. Either (a) 28 days since positive screening, (b) 28 days since last symptoms, or (C) a negative test

All individuals must pass a brief medical examination, a medical history screening and testing for transmissible viruses, before their donated plasma can be used. A Bloodworks physician may determine that you are not qualified to donate plasma based on their professional judgement. If a physician determines that you are not qualified to donate plasma, you may be offered other opportunities to support medical research.

## How will my donation be used?

This study will collect immune proteins, called antibodies from plasma. Donors may have these immune proteins in large amounts after recovering from COVID-19. This is a normal response after an infection. Antibodies from recovered donors will be part of a research study. Antibodies such as these have been transfused to treat sick individuals with similar diseases in the past.

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### How do I become a research donor?

If you think you are a qualified donor and would like to know more, you will be provided with a consent form and program information to review. You will schedule a screening appointment with a trained Bloodworks staff member who will go over the consent form with you thoroughly, after you have had time to read it and discuss it with your friends, family and/or personal physician. After signing the consent form, you will be asked to fill out a donor questionnaire with contact information, scheduling preferences and basic personal medical history. Once your screening results have been evaluated by Bloodworks staff, you will be contacted concerning eligibility for donating.

### Will you use my identity?

No, we take great care to protect your privacy. A donor identification number will be assigned to you in place of your name. Bloodworks will never share your personal identifiers (ex. Name) with researchers. These researchers are required by law, contract, and regulation to never try and identify donors through your donated blood samples.

### Will you release my contact information?

We utilize randomly generated numbers to track our blood and other bio specimens, and there are no personal identifiers that can be traced back to the donors. We protect and maintain the donor's privacy and confidentiality.

### What if I donate blood for a different study at the same time?

If you have blood drawn outside of the Bloodworks organization, we ask that you report it to the program coordinator, who will add that volume to our blood loss tracking. This will help us make sure we are only drawing the amount of blood recommended by standard blood banking guidelines.

### Am I able to participate in community donations and research donations at the same time?

To ensure that you do not donate more than the amount of blood recommended by standard blood banking guidelines, a research deferral will be placed on your Bloodworks Northwest account. This deferral will stay in effect throughout your participation in the Research Donor Program. You may request to leave the Program and have your research deferral lifted at any time.

### How long does it take?

This is different from donor to donor, but the average plasmapheresis procedure lasts about 45 minutes. This donor process requires a venipuncture in order to draw the blood needed for the procedure. This process uses blood that is drawn and returned to the same arm, and the draw itself depends on the volume of blood being drawn as well as the flow of the blood. Bloodworks will offer you water or a light snack if you are feeling the effects of the blood draw (dizziness, light headed, etc.) and you will be asked to remain in the blood draw chair/bed until symptoms subside. This could increase the length of your visit if it is necessary.

We will schedule appointments on days/times that work best for you. Location to be determined during appointment scheduling.

For more information about participating, please contact Bloodworks Northwest at:

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