

# CHOC seeking plasma donations from recovered COVID-19 patients

Registered with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the CHOC Children's Blood Bank is available to collect and process plasma donations from adult COVID-19 survivors. These donations can be used for patients throughout the community, in addition to those at CHOC.

While researchers are still learning about COVID-19, it's possible that those who have recovered from the disease have produced antibodies to protect them from the infection. If so, their plasma would contain these antibodies and may be helpful in the treatment of COVID-19 disease in others.

## Donor requirements

1. Donors can be male or female. However, female donors will need to meet some additional requirements that Blood Bank staff will help explain further.
2. Evidence of COVID-19 documented by a laboratory test **either** by a diagnostic test (nasopharyngeal swab) at time of illness **or** a positive serological test for SARS-CoV-2 antibodies after recovery, if prior diagnostic testing was not performed at the time COVID-19 was suspected
3. Complete resolution of symptoms at least 14 days before the donation
4. Must meet all healthy blood donor eligibility requirements

## How to donate

Interested donors should call the CHOC Blood Bank at **714-509-8339** for more information and further explanation of donor requirements.

The Blood Bank is located in the CHOC Commerce Tower, 505 S. Main St. Suite 185 in Orange, CA 92868. Its hours are:

Monday and Wednesday – 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday – 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Friday – 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Saturday – 7 a.m. to noon