

Convalescent Plasma Donation from recovered COVID-19 cases

Plasma donation from people who have recovered from COVID-19 may help people who are still severely ill with the disease. Because you fought the infection, your plasma may contain COVID-19 antibodies. You may qualify to donate plasma for coronavirus patients if you meet specific post-illness guidelines and also meet regular blood donation eligibility requirements:

1. Some locations may require that donors be age 18 and older. Age and weight requirements may vary based on location. Generally donors age 17 and older must weigh at least 110 pounds.
2. You are overall in good health and feel well, even if you're being treated for a chronic condition.
3. You had a verified diagnosis of COVID-19, are fully recovered from COVID-19 and are symptom free.
4. Some locations may have additional criteria for those who would like to donate.

What is Plasma? Plasma is the clear, straw-colored liquid portion of blood. It carries out a variety of functions in the body, including clotting, fighting diseases and other critical functions.

Below are some organizations that may still be looking for VOLUNTEERS to donate plasma (each may have different requirements):

1. **New York Blood Center:** https://www.nybc.org/donate-blood/covid-19-and-blood-donation-copy/convalescent-plasma/?utm_source=web&utm_medium=banner&utm_campaign=covid There are various locations in NJ (Paramus and Scotch Plains). **As of Friday, March 19, 2021 New York Blood Center is no longer accepting convalescent plasma donations at this time.**
2. **American Red Cross:** <https://www.redcrossblood.org/donate-blood/dlp/plasma-donations-from-recovered-covid-19-patients.html>
3. **Hackensack Meridian Health:** <https://www.hackensackmeridianhealth.org/covid19/recruiting-recovering-covid-19-patients/>
4. **RWJ Barnabas Health Hospitals:** *Recovered patients of RWJ Barnabas Hospitals may receive notification from the hospital about donating plasma. Plasma is collected at blood banks the hospitals have contracts with which are the American Red Cross and New York Blood Center. More information can be found here, <https://www.rwjbh.org/blog/2020/april/rwjbarnabas-health-seeks-donors-of-convalescent-/> or specifically for RWJ University Hospital in New Brunswick <https://www.rwjbh.org/blog/2020/april/covid-19-convalescent-plasma-donation-in-new-bru/>

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