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SAN DIEGO BLOOD BANK BEGINS TESTING FOR ZIKA VIRUS
FDA approved testing starts this Thursday

SAN DIEGO (September 21, 2016) – Effective Thursday, September 22, 2016, The San Diego Blood Bank, primary supplier of blood to the majority of hospitals in San Diego County, will begin mandatory testing all blood products for the Zika virus. Testing is in compliance with directives from the US. Food and Drug Administration.

“This is positive news for the community, our donors and the Blood Bank,” commented David Wellis, CEO of the San Diego Blood Bank. “Safety is our utmost concern.

To be eligible to donate blood you must be at least 17 years old (16 year olds may donate with parental consent), weigh at least 114 pounds and be in general good health. SDBB is dedicated to community health by providing a reliable supply of blood to patients in need. Our vision is to further ensure the health of our community by simultaneously delivering related health and wellness education and services and extending into research. Founded in 1950 with the support of the San Diego County Medical Society, SDBB is an independent, 501(c)(3) non-profit that serves hospitals in San Diego, Orange, Imperial and Los Angeles counties with blood transfusion products and reference laboratory services. SDBB currently operates six local donor centers and 10 bloodmobiles. SDBB’s Cell Therapy Program provides lifesaving stem cell transplants to patients worldwide. For more information about SDBB visit www.sandiegobloodbank.org or connect with us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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