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SAN DIEGO BLOOD BANK ACCEPTING BLOOD DONATIONS IN HONOR OF VICTIMS OF EL PASO AND DAYTON SHOOTINGS

SAN DIEGO (August 5, 2019) – In response to phone calls from the public about the mass shootings in El Paso, Texas, and Dayton, Ohio this weekend, the San Diego Blood Bank is offering the community an opportunity to donate blood in honor of those whose lives have been impacted by the shootings.

Twenty people were killed and twenty-six were wounded in a mass shooting at a Walmart in El Paso on Saturday. The following day, another nine people were killed and twenty-seven others wounded in a shooting in the Oregon District of Dayton Ohio.

“Our thoughts and prayers are with all the victims and their families,” said David Wellis, Ph.D., CEO of San Diego Blood Bank. “We stand ready to send blood to the affected areas if needed.”

Requests for blood have not yet been sent to San Diego Blood Bank. However, blood supplies are currently low across the country. Those who donate this week will help ensure a safe blood supply is available when needed.

To donate in support of those impacted by the shootings, [schedule an appointment](https://www.sandiegobloodbank.org/Donate) at [SanDiegoBloodBank.org/Donate](https://www.SanDiegoBloodBank.org/Donate).

About San Diego Blood Bank:

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. 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. To be eligible to donate blood you must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 114 pounds and be in general good health. For more information about SDBB, visit [SanDiegoBloodBank.org](https://www.SanDiegoBloodBank.org) or connect with us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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