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SAN DIEGO BLOOD BANK ASKS FOR IMMEDIATE BLOOD DONATIONS TO REPLENISH SUPPLY SENT TO HOUSTON BLOOD CENTER

Blood recently sent to Gulf Coast Blood Center

SAN DIEGO (August 29, 2017) – The San Diego Blood Bank is asking San Diegans to donate blood as soon as possible to help replenish supplies sent to Gulf Coast Blood Center in Houston, Texas. Blood was sent out today to assist the blood center that is unable to collect for their local hospitals due to the effects of Harvey, hurricane-turned-tropical storm.

Blood is being sent to Texas from independent blood centers throughout the country to help maintain local blood supplies and support patients needing transfusions in the dangerous flooded areas of Texas and Louisiana.

“It’s critical that our SDBB blood donors, especially with type O-positive blood, and those who have never given blood before, come out and donate today”, said San Diego Blood Bank CEO, David Wellis. “Let’s do what we do best, partner together as a community to save the lives of patients in need.”

Type O blood is the only blood type that can be safely transfused to most patients with other blood types and is frequently used in emergency situations. In response to meeting the emergency blood needs of patients in areas with catastrophic flooding caused by Harvey, local blood donors can mention code DSFV when donating at the San Diego Blood Bank.

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. Eligible blood donors are encouraged to schedule an appointment to give by visiting www.SanDiegoBloodBank.org or calling 1-800-4-MY-SDBB (1-800-469-7322).

About the 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. For more information about SDBB, visit www.SanDiegoBloodBank.org or connect with us on Facebook and Twitter.

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