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**SAN DIEGO BLOOD BANK OPENS NEW
DONATION LOCATION IN CHULA VISTA**

SAN DIEGO (August 19, 2020) – San Diego Blood Bank (SDBB) has opened a new blood donation location in Chula Vista. The location will be open Tuesdays through Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and is located at 565 Broadway, Chula Vista, CA 91910 (inside the old Sears building on the east side).

The location is expected to operate through December and will serve our region with much needed blood supply to support local hospitals. With the decrease in bloodmobile operations, donors are being asked to find a nearby donation center.

South Bay is also critical to meeting the demand for COVID-19 convalescent plasma since the region has experienced higher rates of COVID-19. The new location gives community members a unique opportunity to help those currently fighting the virus.

“A blood donor population that is reflective of our entire community is needed to maintain a safe blood supply for the region,” said San Diego Blood Bank CEO David Wellis. “We have a lot of donors who live in South Bay and this new location will enable them to donate more frequently. There is strong community support for the importance of blood donation, and we are excited to offer a new location where the community can join us in saving lives.”

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. Appointments are required and available at www.sandiegobloodbank.org or by calling (619) 400-8251.

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. For more information about SDBB, visit www.SanDiegoBloodBank.org or connect with us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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