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SCHOOLS GOING ONLINE THIS FALL IMPACTING BLOOD SUPPLY

SAN DIEGO (August 25, 2020) – San Diego Blood Bank is issuing a call to the public to make appointments to donate blood in the coming months to avoid a severe dip in donations due to the hiatus of school blood drives due to COVID-19.

As back to school season approaches, many districts will be hosting classes online and not hosting their regular blood drives. San Diego Blood Bank is working with schools on creative avenues to support blood donation, such as community drives. However, high school and college blood drives would normally start this week meaning the loss of hundreds of pints of blood.

“Approximately 20% of the blood SDBB normally collects comes from high schools and colleges,” said San Diego Blood Bank CEO David Wellis. “It’s critically important that we make up for those pints we would have collected at schools, so we need people to make appointments for the next couple of months.”

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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