

# DonateSpaces

## Blood donations remain essential during the pandemic

The need for blood is every day—including during a pandemic. But the COVID-19 pandemic has fundamentally changed the foundation on which Memorial Blood Centers' life-saving mission rests: community blood drives.

Before the pandemic arrived in the U.S., nearly half of the blood donated to Memorial Blood Centers was donated by people at community blood drives. Hosted in schools, businesses, homes, and places of worship, the pandemic necessitated the cancellation of small community blood drives as well as all blood drives held on bloodmobiles.

This has cut the number of community blood drives to barely a quarter of what they once were—and therefore, a dramatic decrease in donations from mobile blood drives.

There is no substitute for blood. Only eligible donors can help save the lives of patients in need. And that's why **we need your help to find new ways to meet the needs of our local hospitals.**

## What is Memorial Blood Centers DonateSpaces Program?

The DonateSpaces program is an opportunity for community members to offer up space for Memorial Blood Centers to use as a convenient location for the community to donate blood. Property owners, building managers, realtors, and others are invited to donate space.

### OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN DonateSpaces Program

- **Donate space in its entirety or as a portion**
- **Donate space for one-time use or on a regular recurring basis**
- **Offer space for reduced rent**
- **Donate the utility costs of rentable space**

To ensure safe social distancing between donors, Memorial Blood Centers requires a minimum of 1,600 square feet for community blood drive purposes. Ideal space would offer 1,600 – 4,000 square feet.

For more information about donating space for community blood donation, visit **MBC.ORG/DonateSpaces**.

Every two seconds, someone needs blood. From organ transplants to burn victims, from premature babies to cancer patients, today's advanced medical care relies on blood from volunteer donors.