

Blood Donation Opportunities

Feb. 16-28, 2015



**American
Red Cross**

Red Cross needs donors of all blood types to help maintain a diverse blood supply

(Jan. 30, 2015) — The American Red Cross encourages eligible donors to help ensure a sufficient and diverse blood supply by giving blood this February.

Since the beginning of the year, widespread flu and inclement winter weather in some parts of the country have prevented many regular donors from making or keeping their blood donation appointments. Healthy and diverse blood donors are needed to help maintain a sufficient blood supply.

Diversity among blood donors is important because red blood cells carry markers that determine one's blood type, and certain blood types are unique to specific racial and ethnic groups. Blood must be matched very closely for those patients with rare blood types or for those who need repeated transfusions. Patients are less likely to have complications from blood donated by someone with a similar ethnicity.

All blood types are needed, especially types O negative, A negative and B negative. To learn more about donating blood and to schedule an appointment, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

American Red Cross Blood Donation Center

Saint Cloud Area Blood Donation Center
1301 West St. Germain Street
Mondays and Thursdays: 1 – 7 p.m.
Fridays: 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Additional blood donation opportunities:

Chisago

North Branch
2/27/2015: 1 p.m. - 7 p.m., United Methodist Church, 6500 Main St.

Kandiyohi

New London
2/25/2015: 1 p.m. - 7 p.m., The Open Door Christian Church, 516 4th Ave. SW

Willmar

2/20/2015: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Vinje Lutheran Church, 1101 Willmar Ave. S.

McLeod

Plato

2/26/2015: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., Discover Church, 10478 Bell Ave.

Stewart

2/18/2015: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., Cactus Jacks II, Highway 212

Meeker

Grove City

2/16/2015: 1 p.m. - 7 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, Highway #12

Mille Lacs

Milaca

2/25/2015: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., American Legion, 160 Second St. SE

Sherburne

Elk River

2/19/2015: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., United Methodist Church, 1304 Main St.

2/23/2015: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Coborn's Superstore, 19425 Evans St.

Stearns

Belgrade

2/19/2015: 1 p.m. - 7 p.m., St Francis De Sales Parish Center, 540 Martin Ave.

Collegeville

2/17/2015: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., St John's University, Great Hall

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St. Cloud

2/16/2015: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., St .Cloud State University, 720 4th Ave. S.

2/16/2015: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., Grace United Methodist Church-St Cloud, 2615 Clearwater Road

2/17/2015: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., St .Cloud State University, 720 4th Ave. S.

2/24/2015: 1 p.m. - 7 p.m., Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 2405 Walden Way

Wright

Annandale

2/26/2015: 1 p.m. - 7 p.m., St. Ignatius Church, 35 Birch St. E.

Buffalo

2/24/2015: 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Community Center, 206 Central Ave.

Cokato

2/23/2015: 1 p.m. - 7 p.m., First Baptist Church, 395 Broadway Ave. N.

Rockford

2/17/2015: 12:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Our Fathers Lutheran Church, 3903 Gilbert Ave. SE

How to donate blood

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

About the American Red Cross

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or visit us on Twitter at [@RedCross](https://twitter.com/RedCross).

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