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Be a Lifesaver
Urgent Need for O Negative Blood

(Hyannis, MA – June, 2020) – The Cape Cod Healthcare blood program is experiencing an urgent need for O negative blood following a recent emergency at the hospital.

Jonathan DeCoste, senior blood donor recruiter at Cape Cod Healthcare notes, “O negative is the universal blood type, meaning that anyone can receive your blood and it can be used in transfusions for any other blood type. It is routinely in short supply and in high demand by hospitals. O negative blood also is the universal blood type needed for emergency transfusions.”

If you or someone you know has O negative blood, please consider making an appointment at one of our upcoming blood drives.

Upcoming drives include:

- Tuesday, June 16, 11am - 5pm, Sandwich Masonic Lodge, 175 Main Street, Sandwich
- Wednesday, June 17, 10am - 4pm, Chatham Works/The Cape Cod Ocean Community, 323 Orleans Rd., N. Chatham
- Thursday, June 18, 10am - 4pm, CCHC Physician Recruitment Building, 4 Bayview, W. Yarmouth
- Monday, June 22, 11 am - 5pm, Christ the King Church, 3 Jobs Fishing Road, Mashpee
- Tuesday, June 23, 10am - 4pm, CCHC Physician Recruitment Building, 4 Bayview, W. Yarmouth
- Wednesday, June 24, 10am - 4pm, CCHC Physician Recruitment Building, 4 Bayview, W. Yarmouth
- Thursday, June 25, 10am - 4pm, CCHC Physician Recruitment Building, 4 Bayview, W. Yarmouth
The full list of drives can be found at https://www.capecodhealth.org/ways-to-give/blood-center/

The scheduled drives are updated regularly so be sure to check back for up to the minute schedule changes. Information can also be found on the Cape Cod Healthcare Facebook page.

To minimize contact with others, all donations are by appointment only. To make an appointment, visit our website at www.capecodhealth.org/give-blood.

The Nicholas G. Xiarhos Blood Donor Center at Cape Cod hospital continues to schedule platelet donations by appointment. Note: When platelet donors arrive, they will be screened for COVID-19 at the main entrance.

Note: The FDA has reiterated that there have been no reported or suspected cases of transfusion-transmitted coronavirus and the virus poses no known risk to patients receiving blood transfusions.

About Cape Cod Healthcare

Cape Cod Healthcare is the leading provider of healthcare services for residents and visitors of Cape Cod. With more than 450 physicians, 5,700 employees and 790 volunteers, Cape Cod Healthcare has two acute care hospitals, the Cape’s leading provider of homecare and hospice services (VNA), a skilled nursing and rehabilitation facility, an assisted living facility, four urgent care centers and numerous health programs. For more information, visit Cape Cod Healthcare’s web site at www.capecodhealth.org. Cape Cod Healthcare. Visit our health news site www.capecodhealthnews.com for the latest in relevant and credible healthcare news.

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