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### *Cape Cod Healthcare has Urgent Need for O Positive and O Negative Blood*

**(Hyannis, MA – March 26, 2021)** -- The Cape Cod Healthcare blood program is experiencing an urgent need for O positive and O negative blood donations.

Jonathan DeCoste, senior blood donor recruiter at Cape Cod Healthcare notes, "Type O positive is the most common blood type. Type 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. Both types are routinely in short supply and in high demand by hospitals for emergency transfusions."

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

The Nicholas G. Xiarhos Blood Donor Center inside Cape Cod Hospital is now open by appointment only from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Appointments are required at all blood drives. To make an appointment for the Nicholas G. Xiarhos Blood Donor Center, please call us at 508-862-5663. To make an appointment at an upcoming blood drive, please visit [www.capecodhealth.org/give-blood](http://www.capecodhealth.org/give-blood)

The full list of drives can be found at <https://www.capecodhealth.org/ways-to-give/blood-center/>

#### ***About Cape Cod Healthcare***

*Cape Cod Healthcare is the leading provider of healthcare services for residents and visitors of Cape Cod. With more than 500 physicians, 5,700 employees and 790 volunteers, Cape Cod Healthcare is comprised of 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 (with two additional centers coming in 2021 and 2022) and numerous*

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