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Bloodworks Northwest Extends Hours to Brace for Big Drop in Holiday Blood Donations
Thanksgiving Is a Perfect Time to Share the Gift of Life

SEATTLE, WA– Bloodworks Northwest has issued a special appeal asking people to schedule a blood donation during the next 10 days. Thanksgiving marks the beginning of the holiday season, when the number of donors visiting our centers and mobile drives typically declines by 15-20 percent with high schools and colleges on break, people traveling, family gatherings and other activities.

Starting on November 22 and extending until New Year's 2019, Bloodworks is [increasing hours](#) at its [donor centers](#) to encourage donations, with phlebotomists volunteering to work shifts so that most Bloodworks centers can be open on Thanksgiving Day.

Bloodworks has some cozy offerings for its donors this Thanksgiving. They'll be serving [hot cider](#) in the centers November 17 – 23. Donors who give on Thanksgiving Day will receive a stretch knit beanie to keep your head warm and make a stylish statement that you save lives.

As we enter the holiday season of giving, what better way to honor that spirit than by scheduling just one hour to save lives? While all blood and platelet donors are welcome, there's always demand for Type O blood and for platelets.

Donating blood takes less than an hour, and because blood can be broken down into its three components, each donation, about a pint, can potentially save three lives.

We count on the communities we support to help us. When it comes to patient needs there's no such thing as a vacation. The demand for blood is continuous to support the daily needs of local patients. People undergo surgeries and organ transplants. ERs treat traumatic injuries, and many people receive ongoing blood components for cancer treatment. And recent tragedies underscore the fact that having blood already on the shelves is essential when unforeseeable emergencies happen.

Donors can book appointments, or find a center or blood drive, in just a few taps on the new [Bloodworks App](#) available for download in the [App Store](#) and [Google Play](#). As always, donors can make appointments at schedule.bloodworksNW.org or by calling 1-800-398-7888. People can also check online for dates and times of community [blood drives](#) close to where they live or work by going to bloodworksnw.org.

BloodworksNW Donor Centers and Holiday Hours

All centers open on Thanksgiving Day from 8 am – 4 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 22, except for Silverdale and Eugene. Bellingham will be open for platelet donation only.

- [Bellevue Center](#)
1807 132nd Avenue NE
Bellevue, WA 98005
425-453-4011
- [Bellingham Center](#)
410 W Bakerview Rd., Suite 117
Bellingham, WA 98226
360-671-8848
- [Central Seattle](#)
921 Terry Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104
206-292-6500
- [Everett Center](#)
2703 Oakes Avenue
Everett, WA 98201
425-740-2909
- [Federal Way Center](#)
1414 S 324TH Street
Suite B101
Federal Way, WA 98003
253-945-8660
- [Lynnwood Center](#)
19723 Highway 99, Suite F
Lynnwood, WA 98036
425-412-1000
- [Olympia Center](#)
1220 Eastside Street SE
Olympia, WA 98501
360-596-3950
- [North Seattle Center](#)
10357 Stone Avenue N
Seattle, WA 98133
206-526-1970
- [Silverdale Center](#)
3230 NW Randall Way
Silverdale, WA 98383
360-308-7340
- [Tukwila Center](#)
130 Andover Park E
Tukwila, WA 98188
206-241-6300
- [Vancouver, WA Donor Center](#)
9320 NE Vancouver Mall Blvd, Suite100
Vancouver, WA 98662
360-567-4800
- [Lane Donor Center \(Lane Bloodworks\)](#)
2211 Willamette St
Eugene, OR 97405
541-484-9111

About BloodworksNW

Bloodworks (formerly Puget Sound Blood Center) is backed by 70 years of Northwest history and 250,000 donors. It is local, nonprofit, independent, volunteer-supported and community-based. A

recognized leader in transfusion medicine, Bloodworks serves patients in more than 90 hospitals in Washington, Oregon and Alaska — partnering closely with local hospitals to deliver the highest level of patient care. Comprehensive services include blood components, complex cross-matching, specialized lab services for organ transplants, care for patients with blood disorders, and collection of cord blood stem cells for cancer treatment. Bloodworks Research Institute performs leading-edge research in blood biology, transfusion medicine, blood storage and treatment of blood disorders. Patients with traumatic injuries, undergoing surgeries or organ transplantation, or receiving treatment for cancer and blood disorders all depend on our services, expertise, laboratories and research. For more information, visit bloodworksnw.org

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