

# COMBAT COVID

## DONATE PLASMA

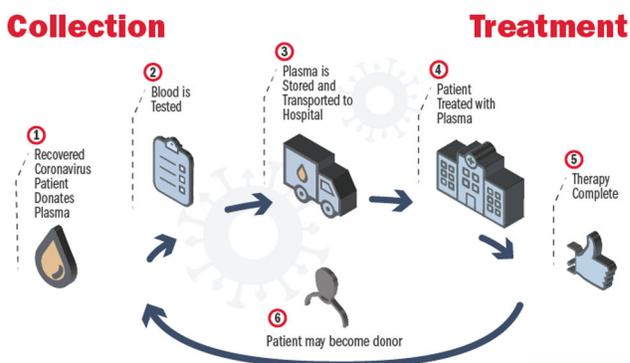
### PLASMA TO THE RESCUE

#### WHAT IS CONVALESCENT PLASMA?

Convalescent plasma is the liquid part of blood from patients who have recovered from an infection. Antibodies present in convalescent plasma are proteins that help patients fight an active infection; in this case, SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19.

#### HOW DOES IT WORK?

The collection process for this type of plasma is the same as a standard blood collection process whether via apheresis or whole blood. Here's how treatment works:



#### AM I ELIGIBLE?

Eligibility for this program (donation of CCP) includes\*:

##### Standard plasma donation requirements:

- 17 years and older, weigh at least 110 lbs and be in good health, along with meeting other travel/medical requirements.
- If you have been pregnant, additional testing may be required if you developed HLA antibodies since your last pregnancy.

##### COVID-19 specific:

- Recovered from coronavirus and meet specific laboratory criteria
- Documentation of a positive COVID-19 test (diagnostic or serological)
- Symptom-free for 14 days or more

\*Additional specific information will be asked to determine eligibility.



#### NEXT STEP:

Contact the local blood donor center for additional information FIRST before coming in. If it is established you might be a candidate, a donation appointment will be set.

Once the appointment is confirmed, the donor must bring the required documentation and undergo the standard donation procedure.

Final determination will be made by the medical director or designee.



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