



**To:** Transfusion Services Managers  
**From:** Hospital Relations  
**Date:** January 3, 2020  
**Re:** Critically Low Red Blood Cell Inventory

**Overview:**

The current blood supply is critically low including Group O Rh positive. Please be advised daily demand levels for red cell components cannot be filled based on the projected collection outlook.

**Impact to Clients:**

- Please maintain stock at minimal levels.
- Please consider releasing crossmatched red cells after procedures or after imminent need has passed.
- Stock orders may not be filled.

**Client Action Required:**

- Notify appropriate staff and medical director as applicable.
- Please cooperate with hospital services as we triage each red cell order.
- Please schedule an appointment to give blood.
- Please encourage colleagues, friends and family to donate.

**Questions and Additional Information:**

Please be assured that in these extraordinarily difficult times, we are doing all we can to improve the inventory.

Please contact [hospitalrelations@carterbloodcare.org](mailto:hospitalrelations@carterbloodcare.org) with any concerns. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this challenging time.