



To: Transfusion Services Managers
From: Hospital Relations
Date: May 27, 2020
Re: Red Cell Inventory

Overview

On May 18, 2020, Carter BloodCare informed you that the community blood supply was at ***critical*** levels. At that time, we requested your assistance in preserving the supply by maintaining minimal levels of red cells for the next ten days. Regrettably, we have continued to receive daily orders for blood at pre-pandemic levels. Effective, tomorrow May 28, 2020, every order for blood products will be triaged and shipments distributed only for imminent transfusion needs.

Aggressive efforts to boost the blood supply have been and continue to be underway, but relief will not be immediate.

Impact to Clients

- All red cell orders will be triaged.
- Red cell stock and standing orders will be discontinued until the supply is deemed stable.

Client Action Required

- Notify appropriate staff and medical director as applicable.
- Please cooperate with hospital services as blood orders are triaged.
- Be prepared to release group O Rh negative and positive red blood cells to meet trauma and/or definite transfusion needs.
- Encourage family, friends and colleagues to donate blood.

Questions and Additional Information:

Please contact hospitalrelations@carterbloodcare.org with any concerns. By working together we can safely sustain operations.