



To: Transfusion Services Managers
From: Hospital Relations
Date: January 25, 2022
Re: Update Red Blood Cell Inventory

Background

Previously we sent out notification that the red blood cell inventory had reached a critically low level. Although the blood supply has slightly increased over the last week, there continues to be **less than one day's supply of blood** available. The pace of blood donations is not keeping up with the demand for blood products.

Impact to Clients

- Daily red cell stock orders will be filled proportionally to the daily inventory.
- If an order is needed for imminent transfusion, please communicate the urgency to hospital services.

Client Action Required

- **Reduce** red cell inventory levels to preserve the limited supply.
- Notify appropriate staff and medical director as applicable.
- Please cooperate with hospital services as blood orders are triaged.
- Be prepared to release group O red blood cells to meet trauma and/or definite transfusion needs elsewhere should the blood center inventory not be able to support.
- Please encourage family, friends and colleagues to donate blood. Eligible donors are urged to give at a [Carter BloodCare donor center or blood drive](#), and bring friends and family to donate.

Questions and Additional Information:

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