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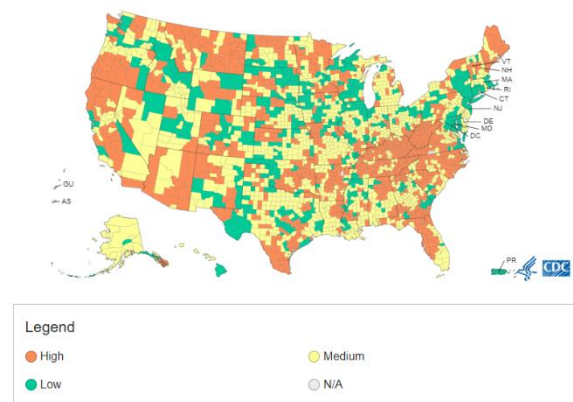
CDC Updates COVID-19 Masking Guidance

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [revised](#) its guidance for wearing masks on February 25th. The agency updated the mask guidance to base recommendations on when to wear a mask on the level of COVID-19 in an individual's [community](#) (state/county):

- “low (green)- wear a mask based on your personal preference, informed by your personal level of risk;
- medium (yellow) - [i]f you are [immunocompromised](#) or at high risk for severe illness:
 - [t]alk to your healthcare provider about additional precautions, such as wearing masks or respirators indoors in public;
- [i]f you live with or have social contact with someone at high risk for severe illness, consider testing yourself for infection before you get together and wearing a mask when indoors with them;
- high (orange) – [w]ear a well-fitting mask indoors in public, regardless of vaccination status or individual risk (including in K-12 schools and other community settings);
- If you are immunocompromised or at high risk for severe [illness](#):
 - [w]ear a mask or respirator that provides you with greater protection.”

U.S. COVID-19 Community Levels by County

Data provided by CDC
Updated: Feb. 24, 2022



Map courtesy of CDC

According to a report from National Public Radio (NPR), CDC Director Rochelle Walensky, MD, MPH stated at a February 25th news conference, “[w]e want to give people a break from things like mask-wearing. [Agency officials] added that [the] new risk guidelines that the agency is implementing will help people know when to reach for masks again if conditions warrant.

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[According to NPR,] CDC [h]ealth officials [also] emphasized that people should still wear masks if they wish or if they are personally at high risk. And regardless of local conditions, they should mask if they have COVID-19 symptoms, a positive COVID-19 test, or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19.”

(Source: CDC Mask Guidance, 2/25/22; NPR, [CDC says Americans can now go unmasked in many parts of the country](#); 2/25/22) 💧

Researchers Convert Blood Type in Donor Organ for Transplantation

Recipients awaiting organ transplant have long been constrained by not only the supply of available organs but also the need for a donor organ to be a compatible blood type. Research from a “proof-of-concept-study” [published](#) in the *Science Translational Medicine* provides a potential pathway to create “universal type O organs.”

In a [news release](#) announcing the study findings, senior researcher from the study, Marcelo Cypel, MD stated, “[w]ith the current matching system, wait times can be considerably longer for patients who need a transplant depending on their blood type. Having universal organs means we could eliminate the blood-matching barrier and prioritize patients by medical urgency, saving more lives and wasting less organs.” The study took place at Latner Thoracic Surgery Research Laboratories and University Health Network’s Ajmera Transplant Centre. The researchers used “*Ex Vivo* Lung Perfusion (EVL) as the treatment platform... Human donor lungs not suitable for transplantation from type A donors were put in the EVLP circuit. One lung was treated with a group of enzymes to clear the antigens from the surface of the organ, while the other lung, from the same donor, remained untreated. The [research] team then tested each of the lungs by adding type O blood (with high concentrations of anti-A antibodies) to the circuit, to simulate an ABO incompatible transplant. The results demonstrated that the treated lungs were well tolerated while the untreated ones showed signs of rejection.”

The study expanded on research previously conducted in [2018](#) by a University of British Columbia team led by Stephen Withers, PhD, who has examined the potential of using enzymes found in the mucosal lining of the human gut to create type O blood from any blood type. “Enzymes are Mother Nature’s catalysts and they carry out particular reactions. This group of enzymes that we found in the human gut can cut sugars from the A and B antigens on red blood cells, converting them into universal type O cells. In this experiment, [it] opened a gateway to create universal blood-type organs,” stated Dr. Withers in the news release. “It is exciting to see our findings being translated to clinical research.”

A proposal for a clinical trial to continue this research is anticipated in the next 12-18 months.

(Source: University Health Network [News Release](#), 2/16/22)

Citation: Wang, A., Ribeiro, R., Ali, A., *et al.* [Ex vivo enzymatic treatment converts blood type A donor lungs into universal blood type lungs](#). *Science Translational Medicine*. 2022. 💧





WORD IN WASHINGTON

President Biden has extended the national emergency declaration of the COVID-19 pandemic beyond March 1, 2022. In a February 18th [notice](#), he stated, “The COVID-19 pandemic continues to cause significant risk to the public health and safety of the Nation. For this reason, the national emergency declared on March 13, 2020, and beginning March 1, 2020, must continue in effect beyond March 1, 2022. Therefore, in accordance with section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)), I am continuing the national emergency declared in Proclamation 9994 concerning the COVID-19 pandemic.” In a separate February 18th [letter](#) to Congress, President Biden added, “[m]ore than 900,000 people in this Nation have perished from the disease, and it is essential to continue to combat and respond to COVID-19 with the full capacity and capability of the Federal Government. Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Proclamation 9994 concerning the COVID-19 pandemic.” The national emergency would have expired on March 1, 2022 “unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the [Federal Register](#) and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date.”

(Sources: White House [Notice](#), 2/18/22; White House [Letter](#) to Congress, 2/18/22)

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has further limited the use of the monoclonal antibody treatment sotrovimab against COVID-19. The agency [revised](#) the emergency use authorization (EUA) of the antibody therapy to remove its use for “treatment of mild-to-moderate COVID-19 in geographic regions where infection is likely to have been caused by a non-susceptible SARS-CoV-2 variant based on available information including variant susceptibility to these drugs and regional variant frequency.” The announcement comes in the wake of reports concerning the lack of effectiveness of monoclonal antibody treatments against the Omicron variant.

(Source: FDA [Announcement](#), 2/22/22)

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) published a [report](#) “highlighting the progress that has been made over the past year to strengthen the U.S. public health and medical supply chain and industrial base.” According to an agency [news release](#) from HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra, JD, the report describes how HHS is implementing the recommendations and goals in the *National Strategy for a Resilient Public Health Supply Chain*, and outlines additional actions the U.S. government can take to build on its progress...The report is one of six reports on America’s supply chains in response to [Executive Order 14017](#). HHS is the lead federal department for this effort and continues to coordinate the federal response to strengthen the public health and medical supply chain and expand the capacity of the nation’s domestic industrial base to build back better in the face of future health security threats.”

(Source: HHS [News Release](#), 2/24/22) ♦

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ABC advocates for and advances policies that promote the role of independent blood centers in providing life-saving blood products and recognize the continuous need for a safe and robust blood supply. ABC exists to advocate for laws and regulations recognizing the essential role that independent blood centers play in the health care system; promote partnerships, policies and programs that increase awareness about the need for blood donation; and serve as a thought-leader in the advancement of evidence-based medical and scientific solutions related to health and safety.

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RECENT REVIEWS

Bacterial Screening of Platelets — The Global Experience. A review in *Vox Sanguinis* stated that “bacterial contamination of platelet components (PCs) represents one of the highest risks for transfusion-transmitted bacterial infection (TTBI).” The authors of this review “aim[ed] to share recent experiences in improving bacterial safety with [a] focus on publications on or after 2014.” They explained that “[p]eriodically, septic transfusion reactions (STRs) are reported...Detection of contaminated PCs by automated culture systems depends on the sampled volume tested and the time of sampling...Lacking a gold standard protocol, blood collection establishments developed various approaches that evolved over the years...Most recently, large volume delayed sampling (LVDS) protocol was introduced that incorporates inoculation of aerobic and anaerobic culture bottles.” The review noted that “[at] NHS Blood and Transplant [, the national blood provider for England and transplant services for the United Kingdom, this] screening protocol reduced the number of clinically adverse transfusion transmissions by 90 percent...The [U.S.] Food and Drug Administration (FDA) published a [guidance](#) for bacterial risk control strategies related to PCs in September 2019...The agency listed nine viable non-pathogen reduction methods for apheresis platelet component testing (APC) testing [in the guidance.]” A study “used [a]simulation to compare safety of [these methods].” It “concluded that two-step policies that used secondary culture were safer than single-step policies...The analysis showed LVDS as [a] cost-competitive approach when compared to other proposed strategies. The authors explained that “[d]espite significant variability in methods among the studies reviewed, there has been improvement in detection of contaminated PCs as well as improvement in PC availability when shelf life is extended to seven days...The most widely used [devices are the] BacT/ALERT system and the BACTEC System, both with analytical sensitivity of 1–10 CFU/ml...False-negative testing results are associated with low initial bacterial loads, slow-growing organisms and formation of surface-attached bacterial communities, biofilms...Even when following current procedures, the risk for TTBI and fatality persists...Clinicians need to be vigilant in monitoring for TTBI...The possibility of exogenous post-processing environmental contamination of a PC via a non-visible, acquired storage container leak was [also] described.” The authors concluded that “despite every effort, bacterial contamination of PCs and risk of STR remains...[While] zero risk is unattainable with current technologies, [there was however] significant risk reduction [achieved] by one or a combination of more than one strategy.”

Citation: Kamel, H., Ramirez-Arcos, S., McDonald, C. [The international experience of bacterial screening of platelet components with automated microbial detection systems: An update.](#) *Vox Sang.* 2022

Contributed by Richard Gammon, MD, Medical Director at OneBlood 💧

ABC Calendar of Events

ABC offers a variety of meetings, workshops and virtual opportunities for education and networking as well as participation in ABC business. The [calendar of events](#) includes annual and summer meetings, board meetings, workshops, and webinars, and details will be updated as confirmed. We look forward to your support and participation!

We Welcome Your Letters

The *ABC Newsletter* welcomes letters from its readers on any blood-related topic that might be of interest to ABC members. Letters should be kept relatively short and to the point, preferably about a topic that has recently been covered in the *ABC Newsletter*. Letters are subject to editing for brevity and good taste and published after editorial review. Please send letters to the Editor at newsletter@americasblood.org or fax them to (202) 899-2621. Please include your correct title and organization as well as your phone number. The deadline for letters is Wednesday to make it into the next newsletter.



REGULATORY NEWS

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) [approved](#) Pyrukynd (mitapivat) for the treatment of hemolytic anemia, a disorder in which red blood cells are destroyed faster than they can be made, in adults suffering from pyruvate kinase (PK) deficiency. The February 17th approval states that “[t]he effectiveness of Pyrukynd was evaluated in two studies. One was a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled clinical [study](#) of 80 adults with PK deficiency who did not receive regular blood transfusions. The other was a single-arm [study](#) of 27 adults with PK deficiency who received regular blood transfusions...In the randomized study, the effectiveness of Pyrukynd was based upon hemoglobin response defined as a 1.5 g/dL or greater increase in hemoglobin concentration from the beginning of the study that was sustained at two or more scheduled assessments. Hemoglobin is a measure of the amount of red blood cells that are not destroyed. At the end of the study, 40 percent of participants receiving Pyrukynd had a hemoglobin response compared with no participants receiving placebo. In the single-arm study, effectiveness was based on reduction in transfusion burden, defined as at least a 33 percent reduction in the number of red blood cell units transfused during the last 24 weeks of treatment compared with the historical transfusion burden on the individual participant (standardized to 24 weeks). Thirty-three percent of participants who received Pyrukynd met this reduction in transfusion burden, including 22 percent of participants who did not require any transfusions over the last 24 weeks of treatment.”

(Source: FDA [Announcement](#), 2/17/22) 💧

BRIEFLY NOTED

National Public Radio (NPR)'s *All Things Considered* recently [reported](#) on blood shortages across the U.S. and their potential impact on medical treatments. The story featured the hospital, blood center, and patient perspective on the impact that shortages are having and the need for regular blood donation particularly among younger donors.

(Source: NPR, [National blood shortage threatens treatment for medical conditions](#), 2/22/22) 💧

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INSIDE ABC

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2022 ADRP Award Nominations Due March 1st

Each year, ADRP, an international division of America's Blood Centers, honors individuals and organizations that have demonstrated outstanding service, accomplishments, or leadership in blood banking. Blood centers are encouraged to [nominate](#) individuals and organizations. In addition to a complimentary conference registration, winners receive a commemorative award and recognition in the ADRP newsletter and on the ADRP website. The nomination deadline is March 1, 2022. This year's award categories are:

Individual Awards

- Donor Recruiter of the Year
- Donor Collections Team Member of the Year
- Marketing Communications Team Member of the Year
- Rolf Kovenetsky Leader of the Year Recruitment
- Rolf Kovenetsky Leader of the Year Collections
- Rolf Kovenetsky Leader of the Year Marketing Communication
- Ron Franzmeier Lifetime Achievement
- Ronald O. Gilcher, MD

Organization Awards

- Media Partner Award
- Blood Drive Partner of the Year
- School Partner of the Year

Additional information on the ADRP awards is available on the ADRP [website](#), including past winners.

(Source: ADRP Award [Nominations](#), 2/23/22)

Register for the ABC Technical and Quality Workshop

[Registration](#) is now open for the 2022 ABC Technical and Quality Workshop in Louisville, Ky. Secure your hotel room now to receive the group [rate](#) by March 11th. The workshop will take place April 5-7, 2022 and will be held in conjunction with the Blood Centers of America, Inc. (BCA) IRL workshop April 4-5, 2022 (which will be open to all attendees including non-BCA members). A preliminary program is [available](#) and the workshop will include blood component updates, inventory management strategies, staff training/competency assessment challenges, work from home strategies, supply chain issues, process improvement case studies, risk-based decision making, cybersecurity, and blood industry hot topics. Many sessions will feature roundtable discussions. Please contact ABC Director of Quality and Regulatory Services [Toni Mattoch, M.A., MT\(ASCP\), SH, SBB](#) with questions.

(Source: MCN 22-017, 1/28/22)

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Register for the 60th ABC Annual Meeting

[Register](#) today for the [60th ABC Annual Meeting](#) and 25th Annual *Awards of Excellence*. These events will take place March 7th-9th, 2022 at the Ritz-Carlton (Pentagon City) in Arlington, Va. This year's meeting will be in-person while [Advocacy Day](#) will be held virtually on March 16th given continued visitor restrictions on Capitol Hill. This will allow each blood center to bring together multiple colleagues to connect with their members of Congress and their staff. More information will be provided to ABC members as it becomes available. The ABC Annual Meeting brings together blood center executives and national leaders to discuss advocacy and regulatory updates, the latest in science, medicine, and technical affairs, and hot topics facing the blood community. In addition, ABC is excited to share that the final day of this year's meeting will feature two in-depth training workshops focused on building tangible advocacy skills that can immediately benefit your center. The program is available [here](#). Please contact [ABC Member Services](#) with questions. 💧

GLOBAL NEWS

The European Hematology Association (EHA) and the EHA Scientific Working Group (SWG) on Transfusion are hosting a virtual [webinar](#) on March 29th titled "Transfusion medicine: a short journey around Europe." The webinar is designed to serve as a prelude leading up to the EHA-SWG Scientific Meeting in September (scheduled to be held in person) with a theme of "Developing a research agenda for transfusion in Europe." The teaser is described as a "90-minute program [with] nine speakers from across Europe [who] will give a brief presentation of hot topics, [the] latest updates and new approaches, highlighting the transfusion roadmap in Europe in the next 5-10 years. At the end of the [event attendees] will be up to speed on current and upcoming practi[c]es of hot topics in transfusion medicine." [Registration](#) for the teaser is open.

(Source: EHA [Announcement](#), 2/22) 💧

Upcoming ABC Webinars – Do Not Miss Out!

- **SMT Journal Club Webinar** – March 29th from 3-4 PM ET. More information coming soon.

CALENDAR

Note to subscribers: Submissions for a free listing in this calendar (published weekly) are welcome. Send information to newsletter@americasblood.org. (For a more detailed announcement in the weekly "Meetings" section of the newsletter, please include program information.)

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Mar. 7-9. **ABC Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.** Registration is [open](#). More information available [here](#).

Mar. 10. **U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Cellular, Tissue, and Gene Therapies Advisory Committee (CTGTAC) Meeting (Virtual)**. More information available [here](#).

Mar. 15-16. **International Plasma and Fractionation Association (IPFA) and the European Blood Alliance (EBA) Symposium on Plasma Collection and Supply, Amsterdam, the Netherlands**. Registration is [open](#). More information available [here](#).

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Mar. 16. **ABC Advocacy Day (Virtual)**. Registration is [open](#). More information available [here](#).

April 4-7. **ABC Technical and Quality Workshop, Louisville, Ky**. Registration is [open](#). More information available [here](#).

April 12-13. **17th Annual FDA and the Changing Paradigm for HCT/P Regulation, Cambridge Md**. Registration is [open](#). More information available [here](#).

May 10-12. **2022 ADRP Conference, Phoenix, Ariz**. Registration is [open](#). More information available [here](#).

June 4-8. **37th Annual International Congress of ISBT, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**. Additional details coming [soon](#).

Aug. 2-4. **ABC Summer Summit and Medical Directors Workshop, Minneapolis, Minn**. More information coming [soon](#).

Sept. 21-22. **28th IPFA/ Paul-Ehrlich-Institut[e] (PEI) International Workshop, Porto, Portugal**. Additional details coming soon.

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Mar. 6-8. **ABC Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C**. More information coming soon.

May 9-11. **2023 ADRP Conference**. More information coming soon. ♦

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

Classified advertisements, including notices of positions available and wanted, are published free of charge for a maximum of three weeks per position per calendar year for ABC institutional members. There are charges for non-members: \$139 per placement for *ABC Newsletter* subscribers and \$279 for non-subscribers. A six (6) percent processing fee will be applied to all credit card payments. Notices ordinarily are limited to 150 words. To place an ad, e-mail: newsletter@americasblood.org

POSITIONS

Director of Operations. The Director of Operations at LIFELINE Blood Services partners with the CEO to develop and execute sound financial and operational plans to ensure the continued growth of the business and provide safe blood products to the communities we serve. In addition to the financial and operational role, the incumbent will also lead Fleet and Facilities, Information Technology, Human Resources, Supply Chain Management, Donor Diversity and Inclusion, and Customer Experience. Education: Bachelor's degree required/master's degree preferred, and five years of operations experience preferred. Excellent benefits including medical, dental, and life insurance, paid time off, extended illness benefit, Sam's Club membership, 401(k) with match, and tuition reimbursement. LIFELINE is an Equal Opportunity Employer. We are committed to the policy of equal employment opportunity in recruitment, hiring, career advancement, and all other employment practices. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, protected veteran status, or status as a qualified individual with disability. Pre-employment drug-testing is required. Please click [here](#) to apply.

Risk Management Manager (Scottsdale, Ariz.). Vitalant is a nonprofit organization that collects blood from volunteer donors and provides blood, blood products and services across the U.S. Under minimal supervision, this position manages insurance and claims administration. This position is responsible for providing system-wide support for the organization's risk management program and for managing internal processes for the organization's self-insurance and commercial insurance programs. This position will lead the organization's development of programs to identify, evaluate, and mitigate risk for the organization on an ongoing basis. This position acts as liaison with attorneys and carriers for all property and casualty claims and insurance issues and is primary contact with commercial insurance underwriters and brokers. This position provides Risk Management support and various other risk management tasks for Vitalant, its subsidiaries and affiliates as assigned. This position reports to the Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer & General Counsel or his/her designee. A bachelor's degree or equivalent combination of education and experience is required. An Associate in Risk Management (ARM) Certification, Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter (CPCU), Associate in Claims

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(AIC) designation, or other risk/insurance designation is preferred. Five years of related experience required. To include: experience in development and management of relationships with insurance brokers, carriers, consultants, and third-party administrators. Experience working primarily with insurance and risk management in a corporate, hospital or healthcare setting is preferred. Experience with Origami or similar risk and claim management database and reporting system preferred. For more information or to apply, click [here](#).

Executive Director of Procurement, Fleet and Properties. LifeShare is seeking an experienced business or operations support professional as our **Executive Director of Procurement, Fleet & Properties**, providing oversight and direction of the Company's enterprise asset management strategies in support of key business objectives. The Executive Director strategically leads all supply chain, fleet and properties management operations to ensure the availability, reliability and sustainability of tangible assets and facilitate continuity of business operations. These support services are key to advance our mission and help ensure a safe blood supply is available at healthcare centers in our community when needed for traumas, therapies, and treatments. **Please join us in our important mission to connect blood donors and the lives they impact!** Click here to [apply](#).

Communications Director (Oklahoma City, Okla.). The Director is responsible for assessing, developing, and implementing strategic and tactical communications plans to achieve goals and objectives for the organization, with an emphasis on public-facing donor recruitment efforts. Also responsible for developing and maintaining a customer-focused culture that will result in external and internal partner satisfaction. Lead a team of communications professionals in developing and implementing innovative communications strategies, and promotions in support of our organizational goals and needs. Qualifications: Bachelor's degree preferred, valid driver's license, three years' experience; preference given to agency experience, other qualifying experience including Media, Marketing, PR and Advertising, strong leadership skills and verbal communication, strong writing skills are a must, technical writing is a plus, experience with UTMs, google analytics and other tools to track success and report metrics to leadership, understanding of SEO and best practices, experience with communication strategies traditional and digital tactics. Salary Range: Competitive salary with excellent benefits package including health, dental, vision, and life insurance, 401(k), paid time off, tuition reimbursement, and holiday pay. How to apply: <http://obi.org/careers/>

Vice-President of Finance. The National Blood Testing Cooperative (NBTC) lab in Stone Mountain GA is seeking and interviewing for the full-time position of Vice-

President of Finance. Essential functions of the Vice President of Finance position are to be accountable for all of the financial and fiscal management aspects of company operations to include the development of a financial and operational strategy, metrics tied to that strategy and the ongoing development and monitoring of control systems designed to preserve company assets and report accurate financial results. The VP of Finance serves as a member of the senior leadership team and will play an important role in developing organizational policies and practices that promote ethical standards and transparency, and direct the internal financial controls that will position the organization for continued growth. Candidate must have a business degree and/or BA in Accounting, must have a CPA certification, and have previous supervisory experience. NBTC pays a competitive starting wage and full benefits package including paid holidays, health, dental and life insurance on date of hire, paid time off after six months and an employer contributed retirement plan. If you meet the above qualifications and would like to apply, please email your resume to egolemi@thebloodcenter.org. EOE/AAE

Chief Medical Officer. Blood Assurance is seeking to fill an opening for **CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER (CMO)** based in our Chattanooga home office. As a key member of the executive team reporting directly to the CEO, this role provides medical and professional guidance to employees of the company, represents the company to the medical community and provides guidance to area medical professionals. Minimum qualifications include: M.D. or D.O. degree with boards in clinical pathology required; boards in blood banking are preferred. License to practice medicine in Tennessee and Georgia or ability to obtain licensure. Minimum eight to 10 years of prior-related medical field experience, blood center experience is preferred. Three to five years senior-level leadership role with experience supervising others. Success in this role will require advanced skills in: verbal and written leadership communications with a servant-leadership philosophy, staff management, customer service, conflict resolution, decision-making, strategic planning, teamwork, flexibility, and adaptability. Proficiency in making Board room presentations and resolving complex medical issues is required. We offer many benefits including: Health/Dental/Vision Insurance, Flexible Spending Account, Employee Assistance Program for you and your family, Company Paid Time Off, 401K, Wellness Program and Relocation Assistance. Qualified candidates are encouraged to apply online at www.bloodassurance.org. Blood Assurance is an EOE and Tobacco Free.

Assistant Medical Director (Assistant Professor) (Bloodworks Northwest; Seattle, Wash.). The University of Washington, Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology and Bloodworks Northwest is accepting

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applications for Assistant Medical Director (Assistant Professor). The Assistant Medical Director will provide assistance to the Medical Director in coverage of Immunohematology Reference Laboratory, Red Cell genomics, Transfusion Service and Donor Testing laboratories. The Assistant Medical Director will provide education and mentoring to trainees rotating to Bloodworks Northwest, participate in shared transfusion medicine didactics at UWMC, and actively assist with rotation structure and content for the Transfusion medicine fellowship. Ability to obtain appointment in the University of Washington, School of Medicine, Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology at the level of Assistant Professor Without Tenure due to reason of funding, is required. University of Washington faculty engage in teaching, research, and service. This is a full-time, 12-month service position [July 1-June 30] and remains open until filled with an anticipated start date of Spring 2022, but is flexible. Candidates must have an M.D. or D.O. (or foreign equivalent) and be board-certified in Transfusion Medicine. Please apply [here](#). EO employer M/F/Vets/Disabled.

Business Intelligence Analyst (Blood Centers of America). Blood Centers of America (BCA) is a national cooperative comprising over 50 blood center members. BCA is seeking an individual with industry experience to serve as a Business Intelligence Analyst. Candidates should have an understanding of the technical requirements of member blood centers to assist with donor optimization, marketing implementation and business intelligence gathering. They must be able to identify and extract useful results from large amounts of data. An understanding of statistics, data management, general analytics, market research, and research experience is preferred. Professional experience with SQL is required. Experience with Arc/GIS/ArcGIS Pro ESRI is helpful. This is an in-office position based near Providence, Rhode Island. Position requires approx. 10-20 percent overnight travel. Submit resume to careers@bca.coop.

Regional Operations Director. LifeShare Blood Center is seeking an Operations Director to oversee blood collection and donor recruitment operations in the Baton Rouge, LA region. Relocation assistance may be available for the right candidate. Responsibilities include: develop and implement strategic and tactical plans for donor recruitment and collections within the donation center and community-based activities; direct, develop and coach teams for achievement of established goals and KPI's; develop relationships with community leaders and groups to promote our mission and business needs; ensure operations adhere to standards and regulations governing the blood banking industry, including FDA, AABB, cGMP, and OSHA; and model LifeShare's mission and values, integrating them into daily decisions,

behaviors and actions. The ideal candidate has a bachelor's degree or equivalent experience and background in healthcare administration, business, or operations management, including supervisory experience in the direction and coaching of other employees. They champion teamwork, communication and continuous improvement and have a passion for service to our community. Join us in our important mission, "connecting donors and the lives they impact!" LifeShare offers a competitive salary, commensurate with experience plus incentive bonus opportunities, as well as a generous benefits package, including employer-paid medical, life and disability insurance; 401k with employer contributions (6 percent) and paid time off bank. Click [here](#) to apply.

Specialist in Blood Banking Students. LifeSouth Community Blood Centers, Inc. is accepting applications for our accredited online SBB training program, class of 2022-2023. Please visit <https://www.lifesouth.org/specialist-in-blood-banking-certificate-program/> for eligibility, other application details, and application forms. The application period ends on April 15th, 2022. Starting date for the 12-month program is June 13, 2023. If interested, please contact Bill Martinez for additional information, gamartinez@lifesouth.org.

VP, Corporate Medical Director (Scottsdale, AZ). Vitalant is a nonprofit organization that collects blood from volunteer donors and provides blood, blood products and services across the United States. Primary Purpose: Under minimal direction, this position serves as the primary resource to regional and corporate physicians and Vitalant personnel for the provision of medical services, medical and technical advice pertaining to donor suitability, the preparation of blood products, and donor and recipient safety. The incumbent is responsible for the operational functions of the central office Medical Affairs Department. Requirements: MD or DO required. Thorough knowledge of the entire blood product manufacturing process, cGMPs, and all applicable regulations affecting such processes required. Licensed (or acquires license within 6 months) in the State of work required. Board Certified in Clinical Pathology, Pediatrics or Internal Medicine required. Board Certified in Blood Bank/Transfusion Medicine, Hematology, or 10 years' experience in the field of Transfusion Medicine required. Nine years' experience in the field of Transfusion Medicine required. To include: Five years at a senior management level. Experience at a blood center that collects, tests, and distributes blood products for transfusion preferred. For more information or to apply, please click [here](#).

Transfusion Safety Officer. Duke Health is looking for a motivated individual to become the Transfusion Safety

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Officer. The Transfusion Safety Officer will review blood transfusion practice, develop education on best practices and provide data support for transfusion champions. Duke Health is a three-hospital system with Duke University Hospital as the primary site, located in Durham and Raleigh, North Carolina. RN or MLS with three years' experience in their area required. Please click [here](#) to apply.

Registered Nurse. LifeSouth Community Blood Centers is currently seeking experienced professionals to join our team as Registered Nurses in Gainesville, FL, and Jacksonville, FL. This position is responsible for traveling to hospitals to perform therapeutic apheresis procedures. Nurses will only care for one patient at a time and will work alongside hospital nurses and physicians to complete procedures. Nurses will also spend time at the LifeSouth office to coordinate upcoming apheresis procedures and organize necessary documentation. Training: Do not let a lack of apheresis experience stop you from applying! No previous apheresis experience is required. If hired, you will be given sufficient on-the-job training to learn the specialized skills this position requires. Training for this position will be conducted during regular business hours. This is a full-time position. Starting salary range is \$65,000 - \$71,500 annually plus travel and on-call bonus. Background check and drug test required. Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer/DFWP/Tobacco Free. Applicants should click [here](#) to apply for the Gainesville, FL location. Applicants should click [here](#) to apply for the Jacksonville, FL location.

Blood Donor Recruiter II (Stanford Blood Center). Responsibilities: Provides donor recruitment support to the fixed site Blood Centers; greets and processes donor registrations; processes special donations orders, including autologous, directed, therapeutic, research, HLA matched and RBC phenotype-matched products. Recruits donors for specialized blood products and special donations orders. May act as primary contact and liaison for the evening staff in Telerecruitment. Qualifications: High School diploma, GED or equivalent. Two (2) years' experience in blood banking. One (1) year experience as a blood donor recruiter or as a lead. Please click [here](#) to apply. 💧