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COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Extended

U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra, JD recently [extended](#) the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) effective April 16, 2022. The PHE has been in effect since January 2020 and extended in 90-day increments as required by law. The PHE declaration allows several pandemic response measures and flexibility to continue. This includes multiple donor deferral changes made by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) early in the pandemic, such as reducing blood donor deferral for men who have sex with other men (MSM) to 3 months, which are currently in effect until 60 days after the end of the PHE.

It is unknown whether there will be additional 90-day extensions of the PHE by the Secretary, however, HHS has committed to providing no less than 60-day notice prior to terminating the PHE declaration.

The declaration that allows FDA to issue an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) is a separate declaration that does not expire unless terminated by the Secretary. Therefore, the EUA for COVID-19 Convalescent Plasma (CCP) can continue to allow use of CCP even after the expiration of the PHE. Additional information about the EUA process can be found [here](#).

(Source: HHS [Announcement](#), 4/12/22) ♦

New CDC Data Shows 2.4 million Cases of STDs at the Start of the Pandemic — Continued Increase in Congenital Syphilis Cases

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) this week [released](#) its annual “Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Surveillance” report, which showed that the rate of many sexually transmitted diseases remain high – and in many cases is increasing – even during the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic.

An estimated 2.4 million cases of STDs were reported in 2020 across the United States, with [disparate](#) rates continuing among some racial minority groups and men who have sex with other men.

The latest data also shined a bright light on the continuing surge of congenital syphilis cases, particularly in the west and southern parts of the country.

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CDC STD DATA (continued from page 1)

Forty-seven states reported at least one case of congenital syphilis in 2020, nearly double the number of states compared to 2011 figures.

These figures are in stark contrast to the [near-historic modern lows](#) the nation started to see in the years following the new millennium, driven in part by the CDC's effort to evaluate and refine syphilis elimination strategies across the country.

Between 1990 and 1998, the number of syphilis cases [declined](#) by 86 percent. That progress has been largely reversed in the years since, due in part to a decrease in funding for prevention efforts. Combating syphilis would have far-reaching public health benefits and close one of the nation's starkest public health disparities.

Untreated syphilis has been [shown](#) to lead to HIV infection and transmission, while the disease in pregnant women can [cause](#) devastating consequences like miscarriage, stillbirth, or even a baby's death shortly after birth. In addition, newborns born with congenital syphilis have been shown to experience bone damage, severe anemia, and nerve problems causing blindness or deafness, among other health impacts.

(Source: CDC [Announcement](#), 4/12/22) ♦

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.



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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

A Review of Rapid Bacterial Detection Methods. A review in *Vox Sanguinis* focused on the “current status of rapid bacterial detection methods.” The authors explained “[t]he analytical sensitivity of the rapid detection methods ranges between 50 and 100,000 colony forming units (CFU)/ml...The testing time of rapid methods varies from 0.5 to 4.0 h.” They described that “[t]here are two methods that use the bacterial cell wall as a target for detection: Verax Pan Genera Detection (PGD and PGDprime) and BacTx assays...Rapid systems also include nucleic acid detection methods (NAT)...A literature review [since 2000] was performed in PubMed.” The PGD and PGDprime (next generation) result “requires platelet components (PCs) to be transfused within 4–24 h after prior screening by a culture method to extend the PC shelf-life from 5 to 7 days in the United States...The specificity of the PGDprime test was found to be 99.9–100 percent.” They explained that the BacTx “rapid method can also be used alone or in combination with primary PC culture...This test has a specificity of 99.8 percent and an analytical sensitivity that ranges from 103 CFU/ml to 105 CFU/ml...There are no published reports on the routine use of the BacTx assay for PC screening...NAT testing of PC is based on real-time polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR).” “A NAT method was approved by the Paul Ehrlich Institute and accepted as a release test for individual donations, mini-pools of 5 or 10 samples in Germany.” The researchers noted that “[I]mprovements of NAT assays for PC screening are related to potential contamination of assay reagents, which affects specificity and sensitivity, feasibility for routine implementation, and cost of the assays...At present, there are no commercial generic bacterial NAT assays available to the blood community...Rapid detection methods recommend performing the tests later in the PC shelf-life to enable bacteria in a contaminated PC to grow up to concentrations in the order of the detection sensitivity for rapid assays, which is lower than in culture methods...The PGDprime and BacTx methods can be used as point-of-care tests before transfusion...The advantage of a point of care test is that it can be used close to the time of transfusion, which is the most appropriate time to test for bacterial contamination.”

Citation: Schmidt M., Ramirez-Arcos S., Stiller L., McDonald C. [ISBT Transfusion-Transmitted Infectious Diseases Working Party, Subgroup on Bacteria. Current status of rapid bacterial detection methods for platelet components: A 20-year review by the ISBT Transfusion-Transmitted Infectious Diseases Working Party Subgroup on Bacteria.](#) *Vox Sang.* 2022.

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

BRIEFLY NOTED

Researchers are studying the effectiveness of treating COVID-19 through platelet-rich plasma-soaked sponges into patients’ noses. According to a recent report from the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, “[t]he idea is to take advantage of whatever the body does to heal itself,” said Pam Dalton, an olfactory scientist at the Monell Chemical Senses Center.

(Source: *Philadelphia Inquirer*, “[These doctors are treating COVID-19 smell loss by sticking plasma-soaked sponges up people’s noses](#)“, 4/4/22)

FDA recently announced the [draft guidance](#) titled, “Cybersecurity in Medical Devices: Quality systems considerations and content of premarket submissions”. This draft guidance replaces the 2018 draft guidance. According to the agency, this draft guidance is “intended to further emphasize the importance of ensuring that devices are designed securely, are designed to be capable of mitigating emerging cybersecurity risks throughout the Total Product Life Cycle, and to clearly outline FDA’s recommendations for premarket submission content to address cybersecurity concerns.” Deadline to submit comments is July 7, 2022.

(Source: *Federal Register* [Announcement](#), 4/8/22) 💧



IN MEMORIAM

[Dale Hammerschmidt, MD](#), passed away on April 5th. He was 75. According to his obituary, Dr. Hammerschmidt specialized in hematologic disorders “focused on complement activation, neutrophil biology, inflammation, and coagulation. He was centrally involved in the seminal work that led to the recognition of the importance of complement activation and granulocytes in tissue injury. His clinical expertise encompassed all of hematology from leukemia and lymphoma to inherited platelet, white cell, and red cell disorders, rare defects in the clotting and immune systems, and acquired abnormalities of bone marrow and immune system function.” Dr. Hammerschmidt “will be remembered as a caring physician, passionate scholar, and devoted teacher [and] leaves behind an indelible impression...because of the breadth of his knowledge, wit as a communicator, and intelligent passion as an advocate for medical ethics...Memorials are suggested to the Musella Foundation for Brain Tumor Research & Information, Inc, Twin Cities Adaptive Cycling, the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, or Caring Bridge.”



(Source: Dale Hammerschmidt, MD, [Obituary](#), 4/5/22) 💧

PEOPLE



Larry J. Dumont, MBA, PhD has announced his retirement from the Vitalant Research Institute where he most recently served as director and senior investigator. Much of Dr. Dumont’s research centered around “platelet and red blood cell physiology, cryopreservation of platelets, *in vivo* cell survival kinetics, and clinical outcomes in transfusion medicine.” Dr. Dumont is the immediate past Chair of the Biomedical Excellence for Safer Transfusion Collaborative (BEST) and “has been an invited speaker at U.S. Food and Drug Administration advisory meetings and various national and international congresses,” according to his bio.

(Source: Vitalant Research Institute Announcement, 4/8/22)

Terumo Blood and Cell Technologies’ Chief Executive Officer Antoinette Gawin was recently [selected](#) to serve as Group Managing Executive Officer in Terumo Corporation’s New Executive Officers’ Management System. According to a company news release, Ms. Gawin will directly shape strategy across all Terumo operating entities, and she is the only female and the only non-Japanese leader to serve in this critical capacity. “I am honored to build on Terumo’s 100-year legacy as we work to make healthcare treatments available to more patients by influencing standards of care to ultimately impact lives,” stated Ms. Gawin in the news release.



(Source: Terumo Blood and Cell Technologies [News Release](#), 4/12/22) 💧



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INSIDE ABC

The programs and services described in the Inside ABC section are available to ABC member blood centers and their staff only, unless otherwise specified.

ADRP Hotel Deadline Fast Approaching

ADRP, an international division of America's Blood Centers (ABC), recently announced that another room block at a second hotel has been secured for meeting attendees. To guarantee a room, please make a reservation by April 18th to receive the discounted rate. The [ADRP 2022 Annual Conference](#) is one of the must-attend events in the blood community with more than 300 attendees expected at this year's conference. View the conference [program](#) and book your [hotel](#) today.

ABC MD Workshop and Summer Summit

Mark your calendar for the [ABC Medical Directors Workshop and ABC Summer Summit](#) taking place August 2-4 in Minneapolis, Minn. Over the course of two days, attendees will hear case study rounds, engaging discussions, and many networking opportunities to connect with your peers and colleagues. [Hotel reservations](#) can be made now through the ABC block. 💧

NEW on CollABORate

COLLABORATE

SHARE STRATEGIC ADVICE | SOLVE CHALLENGES | DEVELOP NEW APPROACHES

Recent discussion topics on the ABC [CollABORate](#) Online Member Community include:

- [Fresenius Kabi Bag Defects](#) (COLLECTIONS & DONOR SERVICES)
- [Donor Identification/DIN Verification](#) (COLLECTIONS & DONOR SERVICES)
- [Tall Refrigerator Options](#) (QUALITY BYTES)
- [Radsure Irradiation Indicators](#) (TECHNICAL DIRECTORS)
- [Driver Policy](#) (HUMAN RESOURCES)
- [Pediatric Out-of-Group Platelet Transfusion/Donor Notification HLA Antibodies](#) (MEDICAL ISSUES)
- [Compomats G5 For Sale](#) (ALL MEMBER FORUM)
- [ABC Roundup](#) (ALL MEMBER FORUM)

ABC members are encouraged to [login](#) and join the conversations today!

ABC Calendar of Events

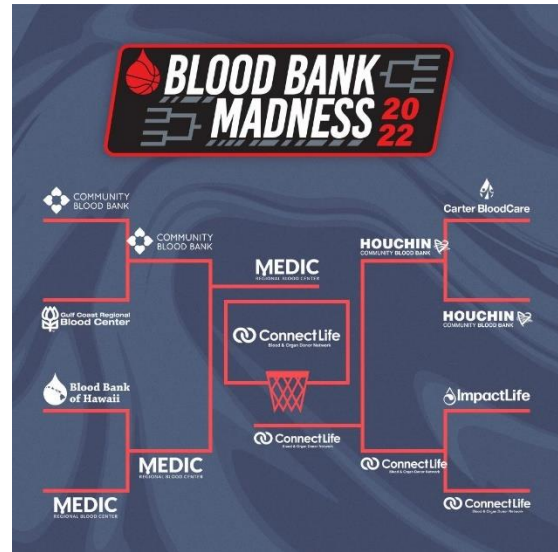
ABC offers a variety of meetings, workshops and virtual opportunities for education and networking as well as participation in ABC business. The [calendar of events](#) includes annual and summer meetings, board meetings, workshops, and webinars, and details will be updated as confirmed. We look forward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



MEMBER NEWS

ConnectLife (Buffalo, N.Y.) won the 1st Annual “Blood Bank Madness” competition. The idea for the friendly battle that pitted blood centers against each other, with “March Madness”-style brackets with the winner of each match-up determined by the blood center that had the higher percentage of blood donations (all types combined) in the given week compared to their historical average for that week, was developed by **Blood Bank of Hawaii** who participated as well. Other blood centers included:

- **Houchin Community Blood Bank** (Bakersfield, Calif.);
- **Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center** (Houston, Texas);
- **Carter BloodCare** (Bedford, Texas);
- **MEDIC Regional Blood Center** (Knoxville, Tenn.);
- **Community Blood Bank of Northwest Pennsylvania and Western New York** (Erie, Penn.); and
- **ImpactLife** (Davenport, Iowa).



Plans are underway to build on the success of this year’s competition by increasing participation among interested blood centers. Please contact Blood Bank of Hawaii’s [Justin Martin](#) for more information. 💧

GLOBAL NEWS

The Irish Blood Transfusion Service (IBTS) [made further changes](#) to their blood donation deferral policy for gay and bisexual men who have sex with men (gbMSM). The changes follow recommendations from the Social Behaviours Review Group (SBRG) to shorten the deferral period. According to the IBTS, the recommendations include the shortening of “the 12-month deferral period of gbMSM [to] 4 months while maintaining the safety of the blood supply. It also recommended that the deferral of any person who takes pre- or post-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP or PEP) — medication taken to reduce the risk of contracting HIV — could also be reduced from 12- to 4- months.”

(Source: Irish Blood Transfusion Service [Announcement](#), 3/28/22)

The World Health Organization (WHO) is seeking public [comment](#) to answer this question: “what substantive elements do you think should be included in a new international instrument on pandemic preparedness and response?” The first public hearings were held this week and can be accessed [here](#).

(Source: WHO [Announcement](#), 4/11/22) 💧

COMPANY NEWS

Blood Centers of America (BCA) announced a formal [partnership](#) with the American Association of Tissue Banks (AATB). According to a BCA news release, the partnership will allow all AATB accredited institutional members access to BCA’s group purchasing program. “The AATB and BCA partnership will

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combine the purchasing power of blood and tissue banks, reducing costs and enhancing supply chain efficiencies for all our members,” said AATB Chief Executive Officer Marc Pearce, MBA in the news release.

(Source: BCA [Press Release](#), 4/7/22)

Fresenius Kabi has opened nominations for the Donation Hall of Fame. The nomination deadline is June 11th. The Donation Hall of Fame partners Fresenius Kabi with blood centers to “recognize individuals who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to blood donation.” Through this partnership, “Blood centers across the country submit nominations from which inductees are chosen annually based on their demonstrated commitment and passion to donating blood and/or encouraging blood donation.” Interested blood centers can find instructions on nominating individuals [here](#) along with a listing of previous inductees.

(Source: Fresenius Kabi [Announcement](#), 4/14/22) 💧

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.)

2022

April 21-22. **Biomedical Excellence for Safer Transfusion (BEST) Meeting LXIII, Oxford, United Kingdom.** 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 (Virtual).** More information available [here](#).

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 on Surveillance and Screening of Blood-borne Pathogens, Porto, Portugal.** Registration is [open](#). More information available [here](#).

Sept. 28-29. **BEST Meeting LXIV, Cocoa Beach, Fla.** More information available [here](#).

Oct. 1-4. **Association for the Advancement of Blood & Biotherapies Annual Meeting, Orlando, Fla.** More information available [here](#).

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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 Regulatory Affairs and Quality Compliance. The Blood Connection is looking for a Director of Regulatory Affairs and Quality Compliance. This is a newly created position reporting to the Vice President of Quality Systems. The Director of Regulatory Affairs and Quality Compliance would be responsible for providing leadership with regulatory guidance ensuring ongoing compliance for the organization. This role will monitor the release of new or revised regulations and standards, evaluating the impact on current processes and practices, and recommend changes if necessary to ensure continual compliance. The Director will evaluate investigations of incidents/occurrences reported and participate in the investigation, root cause analysis, and development of corrective action plans. This role will lead the Quality Unit staff by coaching, managing, monitoring, and evaluating compliance activities and promoting ongoing compliance and effective processes ensuring adherence to applicable regulations and standards. We offer a generous benefits package including a great 401k match, tuition reimbursement, yearly increases, company bonus, cell phone stipend, and 30 days PTO. How to apply: <https://thebloodconnection.org/about-us/careers/>

Medical Director (Oklahoma City, OK). The Oklahoma Blood Institute, a large, successful blood center servicing Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas and beyond, seeks qualified candidates for the position of **Medical Director**. Successful applicants must be **board-certified AP/CP or CP-only pathologists with board certification/eligibility** in Blood Banking/Transfusion Medicine. This position is ideal for a visionary, collaborative leader who thrives in a fast-paced, results-oriented environment and who wants to innovate within a rewarding, entrepreneurial business framework. The Medical Director will work with the CMO and other Medical Directors to direct and supervise key staff with the obligation to ensure that the quality of all products manufactured is in compliance with all regulatory requirements. In conjunction with the CMO and other staff, the Medical Director exercises control over the Institute's operations regarding all matters relating to compliance. If you are a doctor looking both to deliver excellence patient and donor care via multifaceted transfusion medicine organization and to reimagine the mission of blood banking in meeting community needs for connectivity, compassion, altruism, and healing, this could be the perfect job for you. Salary Range: Competitive salary with excellent benefits package including health, dental, vision, and life insurance, 401(k), paid time off, and holiday pay. **How to apply:** <http://obi.org/careers>

Vice President of Business Intelligence. The National Blood Collaborative (NBC) is now interviewing for the full-time position Vice President of Business Intelligence. This position reports directly to the Board of Directors and relocation is not required. NBC is owned

by eight independent blood centers and was created in 2012 focusing on unique revenue opportunities including resource sharing and cellular therapy. <https://www.nationalbloodcollaborative.org/>. This position is responsible for directing and controlling the planning, development and implementation of sales strategies, marketing communications and public relations functions for the Collaborative. Experience obtaining new customers (blood products and related cellular materials) is required. Position will also assist individual members in obtaining new business when requested and will oversee development and implementation of support materials. This position requires a bachelor's degree – master's preferred. National Blood Collaborative (NBC) pays a competitive starting wage and full benefits package including paid holidays, health, dental and life insurance, paid time off and an employer contributed retirement plan. If you meet the above qualifications and would like to work for a company that impacts our industry, please email your resume to egolemi@thebloodcenter.org. Only resumes with salary requirements will be considered. Resumes submitted are held in strict confidence. EOE/AAE

Director, Information Technology. The National Blood Testing Cooperative (NBTC) lab in Stone Mountain, GA is seeking and interviewing for the full-time position of Director of Information Technologies. Essential function of this position is to be accountable for overall operations of the IT department, reporting to the VP of Finance. Will work to develop short- and long-term objectives with the primary responsibility of establishing and achieving corporate IT goals and security. Analyzes the needs of the organization and determines ways to meet the business objectives by modifying existing or developing new information processing systems. Bachelor's degree in computer science or related field required. The applicant for this position must have five or more years of experience working with a concentration on management of information technology and must have five or more years of job-related 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 mharper@nationalbloodcollaborative.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

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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.

Outside Sales Representative/Event Planner (Ardmore, Oklahoma). Outside sales representatives must develop new partnerships with targeted decision makers in community organizations, educational & religious institutions, and businesses to gain support in meeting the needs for volunteer blood donors. Responsibilities include organizing and promoting blood donation events; assessing, developing, and implementing strategic/tactical plans to achieve recruitment objective/goals. She/he is expected to develop a customer-focused culture that will result in successful community partnerships and donation awareness. Identify opportunities for growth within current group base, and facilitate a plan to achieve growth percentage for total unit collection within territory. Book recurring blood drives for the following year. Develop and maintain relationships with key accounts. Give presentations in order to promote blood collection. Identify and provide feedback on issues regarding customer needs/requirements, customer issues/concerns and satisfaction, competitor activities/strategies, etc. Interact effectively and professionally with team members and all internal/external contacts. Qualifications: Associate/bachelor's degree preferred, one to three years sales related experience, public speaking/presentation experience preferred, excellent communication skills, and valid driver's license with access to vehicle. Salary Range: Competitive salary, commission plan, and excellent benefits package including health, dental, vision, and life insurance, 401(k), paid time off, and holiday pay. How to apply: <http://obi.org/careers/>

Territory Sales Consultant (Fort Smith, Arkansas). Outside sales representatives must develop new partnerships with targeted decision makers in community organizations, educational and religious institutions, and businesses to gain support in meeting the needs for volunteer blood donors. Responsibilities include organizing

and promoting blood donation events; assessing, developing, and implementing strategic/tactical plans to achieve recruitment objective/goals. She/he is expected to develop a customer-focused culture that will result in successful community partnerships and donation awareness. Identify opportunities for growth within current group base and facilitate a plan to achieve growth percentage for total unit collection within territory. Book recurring blood drives for the following year. Develop and maintain relationships with key accounts. Give presentations to promote blood collection. Identify and provide feedback on issues regarding customer needs/requirements, customer issues/concerns and satisfaction, competitor activities/strategies, etc. Interact effectively and professionally with team members and all internal/external contacts. Qualifications: Associate/bachelor's degree preferred, one to three years sales related experience, public speaking/presentation experience preferred, excellent communication skills, and valid driver's license with access to vehicle. Salary Range: Competitive salary, commission plan, and excellent benefits package including health, dental, vision, and life insurance, 401(k), paid time off, and holiday pay. How to apply: <http://arkbi.org/careers/>.

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: Don't 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 \$67,500 - \$74,250 annually plus travel and on-call bonus. Background check and drug test required. Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer/DFWP/Tobacco Free. Applicants should apply [here](#) for the Gainesville, FL location. Applicants should apply [here](#) for the Jacksonville, FL location.

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 15, 2022. Starting date for the 12-month program is June 13, 2023. If interested, please contact Bill Martinez for additional information, gamartinez@lifesouth.org. 💧