



To: Transfusion Services Managers
From: Hospital Relations
Date: March 1, 2024
Re: April 8 Solar Eclipse Event and Preparation

Background

Many of you are preparing for the influx of visitors expected the weekend prior to the Monday, April 8th solar eclipse event as Texas is considered a prime viewing destination.

Central and East Texas is expected to have some of the “best” viewing duration times with expected 3-5x the normal population. Because this could delay all travel in those areas, the hospital services team serving Central and East Texas clients will be reaching out the week prior to the event to triage the blood supply and make appropriate adjustments to inventory if necessary.

At this time, we do not foresee the same challenges for the Dallas-Fort Worth area; however, we will continue to monitor the situation as the date approaches.

Please keep in mind that there could be potential delays in the entire service area for sample pick-up and product delivery due to the increased temporary population surges associated with the event. Additionally, in preparation for unforeseen events, we have provided the following emergency contact numbers.

North Texas Distribution	
Emergency Phone	817-685-1244
Emergency Fax	817-283-1030
Reference & Transfusion Services	
Emergency Phone	817-685-1242 or 817-684-7391
Emergency Fax	817-283-1065
Central Texas Distribution	
Emergency Phone	254-399-0956
Emergency Fax	254-741-1768
East Texas Distribution	
Emergency Phone	903-593-9878
Emergency Fax	903-533-1446

Questions and Additional Information:

Please contact hospitalrelations@carterbloodcare.org with any concerns.