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KershawHealth to Host Blood Plasma Collection for New COVID-19 Treatment

CAMDEN, SC - KershawHealth is partnering with The Blood Connection, based in Greenville, SC, to host a blood plasma collection event for recovered COVID-19 patients on Thursday, April 23. The donated blood plasma will be used for an FDA-authorized treatment for critically ill patients who may benefit from coronavirus-fighting antibodies. The donated blood plasma could be made into convalescent serum and given to approved patients within days. The unique partnership with KershawHealth and The Blood Connection will ensure local plasma is available for South Carolinians.

KershawHealth patients who were confirmed as positive for COVID-19 and who have fully recovered will receive a letter inviting them to donate plasma for this effort. Any recovered COVID-19 patient who has testing documentation from his or her physician may be eligible to donate plasma.

How to donate

If you have recovered from COVID-19 and wish to donate, please contact The Blood Connection at 864.751.1168 to make an appointment. In addition to Thursday's event, donation times and locations will be scheduled in the Midlands based on the number of interested donors who meet the criteria.

Positive test documentation/results can include the following:

- A copy of the donor's lab results showing a positive test for COVID-19 which shows the date of collection of the positive test.
- A document from the donor's healthcare provider stating that the donor had a positive test for COVID-19 and the date of collection of the positive test. This document must be on the letterhead or prescription pad of the healthcare provider and must be signed and dated by the healthcare provider.

Please note that The Blood Connection does not test for COVID-19.

"Providing exceptional care for our patients is our first priority at KershawHealth, and we are proud to partner with The Blood Connection on this event as we work together to combat the coronavirus pandemic in our community," said Sue Shugart, CEO of KershawHealth. "We

hope this new therapy may provide the life-saving treatment these patients so desperately need.”

For more information about COVID-19 and KershawHealth’s continued response, visit KershawHealth.org/coronavirus-covid-19-preparedness-information/.