



URGENT: IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED

To: ALL HOSPITAL SITES
From: National Emergency Blood Management Committee*
Subject: GREEN PHASE ADVISORY

National Inventory Advisory

Date and time of issue	2020-03-17 0600 (EST)
Inventory Availability Phase	GREEN PHASE ADVISORY
Product(s)	ALL Fresh Blood Components and Plasma Protein Products
Description	<p>The impacts of COVID-19 are affecting blood supply planning at Canadian Blood Services. Inventory of all products are at green phase levels, however; Canadian Blood Services is predicting the potential for shortages due to a significant number of collections cancellations.</p> <p>In consideration of these impacts on the blood supply and the experience of other blood operators pertaining to the COVID-19 pandemic, this Green Phase Advisory applies to ALL blood components and products. Due to the dynamic and evolving nature of this situation, the advisory status may be escalated quickly if demand outpaces supply.</p> <p>The NEBMC wants to emphasize that Canadian Blood Services donor collection centres are areas of wellness and the importance of healthy individuals continuing to donate. Canadian Blood Services continues to liaise with senior officials in PHAC and Ministries of Health in this regard.</p>
Impact on hospitals	<p>Action Required: Hospitals are asked to ensure the utilization of all blood components follow best practice, with particular attention paid to platelets and O Rh negative red blood cells. The National Advisory Committee on Blood and Blood Products has developed a checklist and list of considerations, for reference (Attachment 1).</p> <p>All hospitals are to provide inventory levels for all blood groups of red blood cells and platelets by 1200 noon EST each day until further notice. Hospital inventory is to be reported via the Blood Component and Product Disposition system: https://www.blood.ca/en/hospitals/blood-component-and-product-disposition-system , or in accordance with usual provincial practices (British Columbia and Manitoba).</p>
For more information	<p>For additional info, contact:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your Hospital Liaison Specialist, Canadian Blood Services 2. Your representative to the Provincial Emergency Blood Management Committee 3. Your representative to your Hospital Emergency Blood Management Committee

*The National Emergency Blood Management Committee is comprised of the National Advisory Committee on Blood and Blood Products, Provincial Territorial Blood Liaison representatives and key Canadian Blood Services personnel. This group will develop recommendations and provide advice to the P/T Ministries of Health, hospitals and regional health authorities, and Canadian Blood Services to support a consistent and coordinated response to critical blood shortages in Canada.

For information about the National Blood Shortages Plan, please see: <http://www.nacblood.ca/resources/shortages-plan/index.html>

If you require this advisory in an accessible format, please contact your local Canadian Blood Services Hospital Liaison Specialist.