

The American Red Cross blood drives are considered essential services.  
The Red Cross is allowed to operate blood drives during this crisis, and are taking additional steps in accordance with the CDC guidelines to ensure Social Distancing and Safety Precautions. The American Red Cross has the support of the Surgeon General, the CDC and the FDA as indicated on the attachments.”



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
HAMILTON COUNCIL #6213**



**American  
Red Cross**

**Tuesday, September 15, 2020**

**1 pm – 6 pm**

**1451 KLOCKNER ROAD**

**MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT TODAY: [CLICK HERE](#)**

or

**SIGNUP USING SMART PHONE APP**

Enter sponsor code: **HamiltonCouncil**

**To Download App:** Search “American Red Cross blood” in your App store

**Please Consider donating Double Red Cells: [Click Here](#)**

**Tips to boost your iron level: [Click Here](#)**

**Donor Eligibility Guidelines: [Click Here](#)**

**or call 1 800 RED CROSS**

**Donation Tips: [Click Here](#)**

**Donor Recipient Stories: [Click Here](#)**

**Sickle Cell Disease Donor Program: [Click Here](#)**

Please bring picture identification and remember to eat a healthy breakfast and drink a lot of fluids before donating!

If you have any questions, please contact:

**Bob Brennan - 609-203-4177**



## IMPORTANT UPDATE

Communities across the country count on the American Red Cross for help every day — and supporting those communities is at the heart of what we do. We are pleased to share that as of June 15, all blood, platelet and plasma donations will be tested for COVID-19 antibodies. As an organization dedicated to helping others, we are fortunate to be able to step up to help during this pandemic by offering this service at your upcoming blood drives.

### HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE COVID-19 ANTIBODY TESTING:

- The COVID-19 antibody test used by the Red Cross is authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and may indicate if the donor's immune system has produced antibodies to the coronavirus, regardless of whether they developed symptoms.
- The Red Cross is not testing to diagnose an illness, referred to as a diagnostic test. Individuals who believe they may be ill with COVID-19 should not present to donate until they are symptom free for 28 days.
- The blood donation process will not change — donations will be tested using samples obtained at the time of donation. There will be no charge to donors.
- Due to the anticipated high demand, appointments are highly encouraged.
- Donors can expect to receive the results of their antibody test within 7 to 10 days of their donation through the Blood Donor App or donor portal at [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org).
- Donors need to have a successful donation to receive the COVID-19 antibody test results. Per standard donation procedure, only successful donations are sent to our laboratory for testing.

### HERE'S HOW YOU CAN SPREAD THE WORD AND MAXIMIZE THE IMPACT OF YOUR UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE:



**Review the FAQs to learn more about COVID-19 Antibody Testing**



**Educate your donors, share this email with your donors**



**Fill your drive schedule — schedule appointments for all your donors**



**Utilize all these tools to ease your work — Blood Drive Management Portal, RapidPass® and Blood Program Leader Alert**

### THERE'S CURRENTLY AN URGENT NEED FOR BLOOD DONORS OF ALL BLOOD TYPES TO GIVE NOW.

Your upcoming blood drive will help ensure blood products are readily available for patients in need. Your support as a Blood Program Leader makes a difference.

If you have any questions, please contact your Red Cross representative, call **1-800-RED CROSS** or visit **[RedCrossBlood.org/AntibodyTesting](https://RedCrossBlood.org/AntibodyTesting)**.

*Thank you for your steadfast support of our lifesaving mission. **Your American Red Cross***