

Blood Donors Needed

(KLZA)-- The American Red Cross urges eligible donors to help offset a seasonal decline in donations and prevent a shortage this summer by giving blood.

During July and August, there are about two fewer donors than needed at each Red Cross blood drive. This can add up to more than 100,000 fewer donations during the summer. Many schools that host blood drives are out of session, and vacation schedules can make regular donors less available – both contributing to the seasonal decline.

Donors of all blood types – especially those with types AB, O negative, A negative and B negative – are needed to help ensure blood products are available to hospital patients this summer. Type AB donors have the universal plasma type, which can be given to patients of all blood types. Plasma helps maintain blood pressure and supplies critical proteins for clotting immunity. It is often needed for burn, trauma and cancer patients.

To make an appointment to give blood, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Upcoming blood donation opportunities include:

Johnson County

Tecumseh

July 16: noon to 6 p.m., St Andrew Catholic Church, 561 Jackson

Nemaha County

Auburn

July 20: noon to 6 p.m., 4-H Building, 9th and J St.

July 21: 11:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., 4-H Building, 9th and J St.

July 22: noon to 6 p.m., 4-H Building, 9th and J St.

July 23: 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., Nemaha County Hospital, 2022 13th St.

Otoe County

Nebraska City

July 20: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Eagle's Club, 600 1st Corso

Syracuse

July 27: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Community Memorial Hospital, 1579 Midland Avenue

Richardson County

Falls City

July 21: noon to 6 p.m., Prichard Auditorium, 312 W. 17th St.

July 22: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Prichard Auditorium, 312 W. 17th St.

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