

DonateSpaces

Decreases in Blood Donation during pandemic

The need for blood is ongoing but COVID-19 has destroyed the foundation on which the community donates blood to patients served by New York Blood Center.

Prior to COVID-19, seventy five percent of all blood donations were made at blood drives hosted in the community at schools, colleges, places of work and places of worship. This has all changed with just 100 monthly community drives as compared to 550 per month pre-pandemic. The convenience factor of giving blood has changed and created a gap of 8,000 donations each month. We must close this gap and find new ways to meet the needs of the patients we serve.

Approximately 75,000 blood donations each year were donated at high school and college blood drives. Due to remote and blended learning, these blood drives are no longer running and this means that 7,000 – 8,000 young individuals will not give blood for the first time this fall and develop what we hope is a lifetime of blood donation.

What is the NYBC DonateSpaces Program?

Individuals, building management, realtors can donate space to NYBC for use as a convenient location for the community to donate blood. The space can either be entirely donated, donated for utility costs only, donated for reduced rent and this can be for a variety of time periods from one month to two years.

OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN NYBC **DonateSpaces** Program:

- **Space may be donated for a one-time use.**
- **Space may be donated for a regular pattern, multi-days per month, multi-days per week.**
- **Space may be offered for reduced rent.**

A minimum of 1,000 square feet is needed, but an ideal location would have 1,500 – 4,000 square feet.

Blood is needed every two seconds to help meet the daily transfusion needs of cancer and surgery patients, accident and burn victims, newborns and mothers delivering babies, AIDS and sickle cell anemia patients, and many more. From organ transplants to heart surgeries, today's advanced medical care relies on blood from volunteer donors.

To learn more about the importance of donating during this time and to answer your questions regarding COVID-19, please visit nybc.org/coronavirus



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