

June 12, 2020

## World Blood Donor Day



On Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, the World Health Organization (WHO) and all countries around the world will celebrate **World Blood Donor Day**. Blood is vital for treating the wounded during emergencies of all kinds (natural disasters, accidents, pandemics, etc.) and has an essential, life-saving role.

An adequate supply of safe blood can only be assured through regular donations by voluntary unpaid blood donors. Therefore, the World Health Assembly in 2005 designated a special day to thank blood donors and encourage more people to give blood freely. World Blood Donor Day takes place every year on 14<sup>th</sup> of June. As well as thanking blood donors, it is a day to raise awareness about the global need for safe blood and how everyone can contribute.

Your involvement and support will help to ensure a greater impact for World Blood Donor Day 2020. During the COVID19 pandemic donating blood is one-way people can help others in need. You can book an appointment online at [blood.ca](http://blood.ca) or call Canadian Blood Services at 1-888-236-6283. The next blood donor clinic is **Wednesday June 17 at Tottenham Community Centre - 139 Queen Street North, Tottenham**. [Canadian Blood Services](http://CanadianBloodServices.ca) adheres to the latest guidance from the [Public Health Agency of Canada](http://PublicHealthAgencyofCanada.ca) including all recommendations for public gatherings during the COVID-19 pandemic.



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