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Plasma Donation Recovered COVID-19 Patients

You may qualify to donate plasma for coronavirus patients if you meet specific convalescent plasma (this refers to people that have RECOVERED from COVID-19) and regular blood donation eligibility requirements:

1. You are at least 17 years old and weigh 110 pounds. Additional weight requirements apply for donors age 18 or younger.
2. In good health. You generally feel well, even if you're being treated for a chronic condition
3. Have a prior, verified diagnosis of COVID-19, but are now symptom free and fully recovered from COVID-19

What is Plasma? Plasma is the clear, straw-colored liquid portion of blood. Plasma carries out a variety of functions in the body, including clotting, fighting diseases and other critical functions.

Organizations are looking for VOLUNTEERS to donate plasma to help treat severely ill COVID-19 patients.

- If you have fully recovered from COVID-19 you may be able to help patients currently fighting the infection by donating your plasma. Because you fought the infection, your plasma may contain COVID-19 antibodies.
- These antibodies provided one way for your immune system to fight the virus when you were sick, so your plasma may be able to be used to help others fight off the disease.

Requirements for donation vary depending on the organization. For further information on requirements, visit the websites provided below

Organizations doing Plasma Donation around NJ

1. Red Cross: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/donate-blood/dlp/plasma-donations-from-recovered-covid-19-patients.html>
 - Jersey City Christ Hospital Red Cross Program: Call 201-795-8298 or email: covidplasmachrist@carepointhealth.org
2. Hackensack University Hospital: <https://www.hackensackmeridianhealth.org/press-releases/2020/04/10/hackensack-meridian-health-studying-the-blood-of-covid-19-survivors/>
3. Valley Health System: <https://www.valleyhealth.com/services/novel-coronavirus-covid-19/covid-19-serum-testing-donation>
4. New York Blood Center: <https://www.nybc.org/donate-blood/covid-19-and-blood-donation-copy/convalescent-plasma-covid-19-donor-request-form/>
5. Vitalant Blood Center: <https://www.vitalant.org/Hidden-Pages/COVID-Plasma-FAQ.aspx>
6. Miller-Keystone Blood Center: <https://www.giveapint.org/covid-plasma-form/>