



LifeServe Blood Center Fact Sheet

Providing Blood and Blood Products to Hospitals

LifeServe Blood Center is an independent, nonprofit, organization providing blood and blood products to more than 90 hospitals in Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota.

The Need for Blood is Ongoing

More than 2,500 units of blood are needed each week to maintain an adequate blood supply in the community and to meet rising transfusion demands across the country. New, first time donors, as well as established donors, are needed to expand and sustain the donor base.

Blood Donation Matters

Blood donation matters everyday for cancer patients undergoing treatment, for accident and trauma patients and for individuals being treated for various blood disorders. In fact, nine out of ten people who live to age 70 will use blood during their lifetime.

Blood Donors Save Lives

Every two seconds, someone, somewhere needs blood and the rarest type is the one not on the shelf when a patient needs it. One unit of donated blood can help save the lives of up to three different hospital patients.

Maintaining a Safe Blood Supply

More than 150,000 units of blood will be collected and tested each year by LifeServe Blood Center. Testing is performed in a state-of-the-art laboratory to make sure the blood is safe to transfuse to hospital patients. Each unit of blood is subject to fourteen different tests.

Healthy, Honest and Responsible Volunteer Donors

LifeServe Blood Center accepts only voluntary blood donations. It has been proven that blood, voluntarily donated, is much safer than a paid blood donation. A volunteer donor base is the most important and significant factor in providing a safe blood supply.

General Donation Requirements

Eligible blood donors must be at least 16 years old (16 and 17 year old donors must have a signed parental/guardian permission form). Donors must also weigh at least 120 pounds and should be in general good health.

Where to Donate

LifeServe Blood Center offers a variety of both mobile blood drive and donor center donation locations. Mobile blood drives are take place at businesses, churches, high schools and colleges in communities throughout Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota. LifeServe Blood Center also maintains donor center locations in Ames, Des Moines, Fort Dodge, Marshalltown, Mason City, Sioux City, Waterloo and West Des Moines in Iowa and an additional donor center is located in Mitchell, SD.