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To: Medical Providers
From: Dr. Alex Smith, Medical Director
Date: April 8, 2020
RE: Referral of Recovered COVID-19 patients for CCP donation

LifeServe Blood Center is collecting **COVID-19 convalescent plasma (CCP)** for use in critically ill, SARS-CoV-2 positive patients. CCP is collected from individuals who have been infected with SARS-CoV-2, recovered, and are now making antibodies to the virus. Their plasma will be transfused to these patients to provide them passive immunity. Although this treatment is not proven, there is evidence that it may help: jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/fullarticle/2763983.

This potential treatment only comes from volunteer donors. We are quickly working to identify qualified CCP donors, but **need your help referring patients who meet the criteria below.**

Blood Donor Eligibility Criteria for CCP

1. Male or female donors, with females ideally being nulliparous.
2. Diagnosed with COVID-19
 - a. LABORATORY TEST CONFIRMED for SARS-CoV-2 infection
 - i. If symptoms resolved in the **last 14 to 27 days**, the donor will need a negative SARS-CoV-2 test
 - ii. If symptoms resolved **28 or more days ago**, a negative test is not required
 - b. NOT laboratory test confirmed for SARS-CoV-2 infection
 - i. Must be 28 days or more post-symptom resolution

NOTE: A provider's note attesting to lab results may be used in lieu of official lab documentation.

Special appointments are required for this donation.

- We are encouraging all possible donors to utilize the pre-screening guideline on our website to begin their qualification process: www.lifeservebloodcenter.org
- We have also set-up a phone hotline for additional questions: 1-800-287-4903, option #1.

If you have any questions, please reach out to me at (515) 309-4872 or
alex.smith@lifeservebloodcenter.org.

Thank you for your assistance during these unique times. We look forward to working with you to save
lives in our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "KASmith, DO". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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