



**URGENT: IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED**

**To: ALL HOSPITAL SITES**  
**From: National Emergency Blood Management Committee\***  
**Subject: RECOVERY PHASE**

**National Inventory Advisory**

<b>Date and time of issue</b>	2020-07-14 0600 (EST)
<b>Inventory Availability Phase</b>	<b>GREEN PHASE</b>
<b>Product(s)</b>	<b>ALL Fresh Blood Components and Plasma Protein Products</b>
<b>Description</b>	<p>This is a notice of the return to Green Phase for all fresh blood components and plasma protein products indicating supply is sufficient to meet demand. Inventory levels of all fresh blood components and plasma protein products are currently at Green Phase levels. Careful monitoring of inventories and utilization trends, especially as they relate to O-negative red blood cells, should continue given the dynamic and evolving nature of the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p><b>The core NEBMC will continue to meet every two weeks and will convene the full NEBMC as necessary should inventory concerns arise.</b></p>
<b>Impact on hospitals</b>	<p><b><u>Action Required:</u></b>  Ongoing adherence with local strategies to maintain optimal fresh blood component and plasma protein product utilization is strongly encouraged. Hospitals are asked to continue to inform their local Hospital Liaison Specialist should there be any changes to hospital inventory levels (ex. Increase or decrease in baseline stock, unusual surge in use).</p> <p><b>Fresh blood components:</b>  Hospitals are to return to routine Green Phase inventory reporting practices.</p> <p><b>Plasma protein products:</b>  To manage long-term immunoglobulin (Ig) supply concerns, Canadian Blood Services will monitor inventory levels and will continue to engage with individual hospitals to discuss Ig supply and demand by brand, as necessary.</p> <p>Hospitals are encouraged to continue with safety measures (product pick-up options) for patients on home infusion products at high risk of COVID-19 infection. Patients may also continue to request a maximum refill volume of 3-months supply from their local transfusion service laboratories.</p> <p>The NEBMC will re-convene to revise this directive if demand is predicted to outpace supply.</p>

<b>For more information</b>	For additional info, contact: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Your Hospital Liaison Specialist, Canadian Blood Services</li><li>2. Your representative to the Provincial Emergency Blood Management Committee</li><li>3. Your representative to your Hospital Emergency Blood Management Committee</li></ol>
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\*The National Emergency Blood Management Committee is comprised of the National Advisory Committee on Blood and Blood Products, Provincial Territorial Blood Liaison representatives and key Canadian Blood Services personnel. This group will develop recommendations and provide advice to the P/T Ministries of Health, hospitals and regional health authorities, and Canadian Blood Services to support a consistent and coordinated response to critical blood shortages in Canada.

*For information about the National Blood Shortages Plan, please see: <http://www.nacblood.ca/resources/shortages-plan/index.html>*

*If you require this advisory in an accessible format, please contact your local Canadian Blood Services Hospital Liaison Specialist.*