



**URGENT: IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED**

**To: ALL HOSPITAL SITES**  
**From: National Emergency Blood Management Committee\***  
**Subject: RETURN TO GREEN PHASE**

**National Inventory Advisory**

<b>Date and time of issue</b>	2021-08-06 0600 (EST)
<b>Inventory Availability Phase</b>	<b>GREEN PHASE</b>
<b>Product(s)</b>	<b>O negative red blood cells</b>
<b>Description</b>	<p>This is a notice that the inventory advisory for O negative red blood cells is no longer in effect and to signal a return to Green Phase.</p> <p>O negative RBC inventory has improved, and projected continued growth supports the transition to a <b>Green Phase (routine inventory levels)</b>. Hospitals may return their O negative inventory to optimal levels.</p>
<b>Impact on hospitals</b>	<p><b>Action Required:</b> Hospitals are encouraged to share their experience through the recent green phase advisory and recovery phase for O negative red blood cells (July 7 – Aug 5) with their respective provincial National Emergency Blood Management Committee (NEBMC) member (NAC or PT representative). A survey will also be distributed to solicit feedback, results of which will inform improvements to national shortages plans and NEBMC functions.</p> <p><b>O negative red blood cells:</b> It is recommended that hospitals re-assess their Green Phase inventory levels for O negative red blood cells prior to returning to these levels to ensure the inventory level reflects utilization best practice: <a href="#">Utilization and inventory management of Grp O RH(D)-negative red cells</a>.</p> <p>Hospitals are encouraged to regularly share inventory levels via the Hospital Portal system: <a href="#">Hospital Portal Login (b2clogin.com)</a>, however it is not a requirement.</p>
<b>For more information</b>	<p>For additional info, contact:</p> <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>

\*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.