

## Important Information

### *For your safety and your recipient's safety*

Thank you for agreeing to participate in this special life-saving program! As your donation date draws closer, communication about changes in your health status is critical. This includes any risks for exposure to infectious diseases such as West Nile Virus or hepatitis which can be transmitted through donated cells.

**Contact your donor center as soon as possible if any of the following occurs:**

- You are diagnosed with a new medical condition.
- You suffer a physical injury that may affect your ability to donate.
- You need to change any of your current medications or start on a new medication.
- You experience any signs or symptoms of an infection or other medical problems:

Fever or sore throat lasting more than 2-3 days	Fatigue or body aches consistent with the flu	Chest pain	Unexplained headaches, weight loss, night sweats, or persistent diarrhea
	Abdominal pain, nausea, or vomiting	Persistent cough or shortness of breath	
	Long-lasting spots or sores in your mouth	Lumps in your neck, armpits or groin	

- You are diagnosed with West Nile Virus or experience two or more of the following symptoms: swollen lymph glands; fever greater than 100.5° F; severe headache; muscle weakness; or skin rash on trunk of the body.
- You experience any of these events which might expose you to HIV or hepatitis:
  - Receive a body piercing or tattoo
  - Receive a blood transfusion or any type of transplant
  - Have a positive test or received treatment for syphilis
  - Use a needle to take drugs not prescribed by a physician
  - Receive an accidental needle stick or come in contact with someone else's blood through your mouth, eyes or an open sore or wound
  - Have sex with someone who is at risk for being infected with HIV
  - Have close contact with someone currently infected with hepatitis
  - Are held in a jail or prison for more than 72 consecutive hours
  - Are diagnosed with hepatitis or have a positive test for hepatitis or HIV
- Are diagnosed with the Zika virus infection, or travel to a Zika risk area, or learn of a male sexual partner with this diagnosis or travel to a Zika risk area
- You plan to receive a vaccination (especially smallpox.)

**FEMALES:**

You cannot donate if you are pregnant. Please avoid the possibility of becoming pregnant. This could impact the recipient's life because of delayed timing and locating another possible donor. If you think you may be pregnant contact your donor center staff as soon as possible.

Donor Center Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_