



GAP VNRBD Newsletter

Update from the Global Advisory Panel (GAP) on
Voluntary Non-Remunerated Blood Donation (VNRBD)

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BREAKING NEWS

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UPDATED WHO GUIDANCE FOR BLOOD PROGRAMS

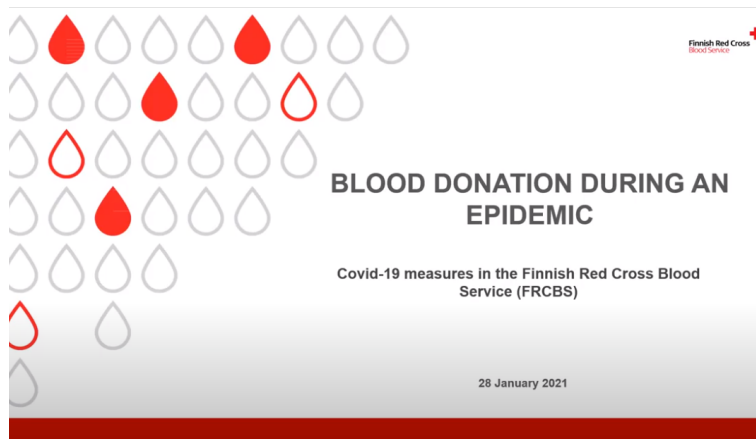


On 17 February 2021, the World Health Organization updated their guidance for maintaining a safe and adequate blood supply during COVID-19. This now includes recommendations around blood donation waiting periods (**deferrals**) following **COVID-19 vaccination** (these vary depending on the type of vaccination received), and also includes updated information on **convalescent plasma**.

[**DOWNLOAD THE UPDATE HERE**](#)

As **COVID-19 vaccination programs** are commencing globally, any new information and guidance regarding the impact of vaccination on blood establishments will be made available on the GAP website.

[**ACCESS THE COVID-19 RESOURCES PAGE HERE**](#)

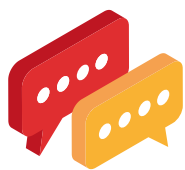


IF YOU MISSED IT... Webinar on Blood donation during an epidemic with FINNISH RED CROSS.



[**WATCH WEBINAR HERE**](#)

HELP us build a global databank of blood donation resources



We always hear from National Societies how helpful it is for them to see examples of marketing materials from other countries. If you would like to help GAP develop this resource bank to be made available to interested NS, **please feel free share your materials with us at gapsecretariat@redcrossblood.org.au.**

RESOURCES: WHAT'S NEW?

WHO TECHNICAL GUIDANCE UPDATES

Each week, GAP updates a list of WHO Technical Guidance documents on public health and blood safety into one useful location [HERE](#).



World Health Organization

UPDATED JOURNAL ARTICLES ON BLOOD SAFETY

A regular summary of all blood-related review articles is now accessible on the GAP website [HERE](#), courtesy of the Centre for Evidence-Based Practice (bridging the gap between science and practice).



Evidence-based by CEBaP

RESOURCES: FREE ONLINE TRAINING

Need to train more staff and volunteers to help with blood donor recruitment during the pandemic?

Complete the Online Blood Donation Training Programme in ENGLISH ([REGISTER](#)) OR Programa de capacitación en Donación de Sangre (PDS) ESPANOL ([REGISTRAR](#))

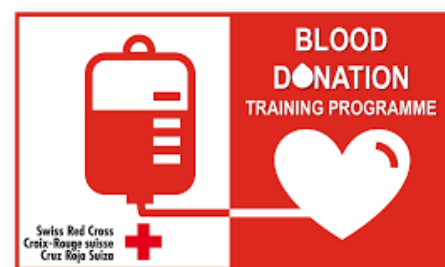


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THE POSITIVE 'SIDE EFFECTS' OF DONATING BLOOD

The following feedback was shared by a happy donor in Australia recently.

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