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For Immediate Release:

## **Increased Blood Usage Creating Emergency Shortages**

Texoma Regional Blood Center

Sherman, TX

With our hospitals, both locally & nationwide, seeing more critically ill patients the demand for medications, PPE & other lifesaving components of healthcare has skyrocketed. The increased demand for blood is no different. Blood usage in our area hospitals has more than doubled; plasma usage has tripled!! PPE and medications can, in most cases, be manufactured to meet the increased demand; unfortunately, blood, plasma, and platelets cannot. The blood that is being used at our area hospitals to save the lives of our friends, neighbors, and members of OUR community, comes from LOCAL BLOOD DONORS. The blood donor pool is decreasing for many reasons: more and more people are becoming ill with the flu, COVID-19, or other general illnesses, numerous people are in quarantine due to exposure to the coronavirus, and some are afraid of contracting an illness. This does not only apply to those who are dedicated blood donors; every person who is not donating is impacting the supply of blood.

There is an emergency need for blood growing before us and the supply is dwindling. Blood Centers across the nation, including Texoma Regional Blood Center in Sherman, are reaching a point where the demand is wiping out the supply; meaning that there are no longer enough dedicated donors to supply the amount of blood that is being used. We are asking that everyone who is able to donate blood please make time to give blood at either the local blood center or on a mobile drive today. Then set a reminder to donate again in two months. We are in emergency need of O-positive & A-negative & in critical need of all other blood types.

Please donate blood today!

Location:

Texoma Regional Blood Center

3911 Texoma Parkway

Sherman, TX 75090

(903) 893-4314

Hours: M-F 8am-5:30pm; Sat 9am-2pm

Mobile Drive information (Locations, dates & times) can be found on our website:

<https://www.texomablood.org/Blood-Drives>