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**Day Kimball Healthcare to Host Blood Drive**

PUTNAM, CONN. (July 23, 2021) – Day Kimball Healthcare (DKH) will host a community blood drive to benefit patients in need on Friday, August 6, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The drive will be located at Day Kimball Hospital in the Robert H. Field Conference Rooms. Donors are to enter the Hospital through the Main Entrance, Entrance A at the back of the hospital.

According to the Rhode Island Blood Center, every day patients in Southern New England need blood transfusions to recover from illness and injury. One pint from you can help save as many as three lives. Blood donations are especially needed now as blood supplies are low due to reduced donations since the COVID-19 pandemic began.

To be eligible to donate blood, you must be at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be in good health.

Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are strongly encouraged. To schedule an appointment online, visit [www.ribc.org/drives](http://www.ribc.org/drives) and use sponsor code 3844.

Day Kimball Hospital takes strict precautions to keep donors safe and prevent the spread of the coronavirus during these drives. Blood drives are set up to create physical distancing, and donors are required to wear masks at all times when donating blood. All donors are prescreened for COVID-19 symptoms before entering the blood drive.

Please do not present to donate if you have a fever or other symptoms of COVID-19, had close contact with someone diagnosed with or suspected of having COVID-19 in the last 14 days, or been diagnosed with or suspected of having COVID-19 until 14 days after your illness have resolved.

If you are unsure whether to donate, or if you have donated recently and you develop symptoms of COVID-19 or you test positive for COVID-19, please contact the Blood Center medical team via email at [medicalstaff@ribc.org](mailto:medicalstaff@ribc.org) or 401-453-8307.

To learn more about the extra safety precautions implemented to keep staff, patients and donors safe visit [www.daykimball.org/return-to-care](http://www.daykimball.org/return-to-care) and [www.ribc.org/safety](http://www.ribc.org/safety).

The Rhode Island Blood Center is the sole supplier of DKH's blood bank and provides all of its blood services. For questions about donating blood, contact the Blood Center at (401) 453-8383 or visit [www.ribc.org](http://www.ribc.org).

To learn more about Day Kimball Healthcare's laboratory and blood services, visit [daykimball.org/lab](http://daykimball.org/lab).

### **About Day Kimball Healthcare**

Day Kimball Healthcare is a nonprofit community healthcare system composed of Day Kimball Hospital, Day Kimball Medical Group, Day Kimball Healthcare at Home, and healthcare centers in Danielson, Dayville, Plainfield, and Putnam. Its service area includes Northeast Connecticut as well as nearby Massachusetts and Rhode Island communities. Day Kimball Healthcare's comprehensive network employs more than 1,000 staff including nearly 300 associated, highly skilled physicians, surgeons and specialists. Its website is [www.daykimball.org](http://www.daykimball.org).