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MEDIA ADVISORY

Nuvance Health Update: COVID-19

Nuvance Health is actively developing a Blood Plasma Donation program to treat critically ill COVID-19 patients. If a person has tested positive for COVID-19 and recovered, they may be able to donate their blood plasma. This blood plasma contains antibodies that can be transferred to patients fighting the virus.

Before the program launches later this month, Nuvance Health is presently recruiting volunteers. Potential donors are asked to register by filling out a questionnaire at the following link: <https://veoci.com/veoci/p/form/d9keubfc4gca>

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has set up criteria for donations that continue to evolve. Currently, in order to donate, a person must have had a positive COVID-19 test, be symptom-free for at least 14 days with a repeat negative swab or 28 days symptom-free with no need for a repeat swab. In the near future, it may be possible to evaluate people who may have had COVID-19 but were unable to get a test.

Once a person registers, a member from the Nuvance Health plasma team will reach out to donors, with priority to those who meet the criteria.

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About Nuvance Health

Nuvance Health is a family of award-winning nonprofit hospitals and healthcare professionals in the Hudson Valley and western Connecticut. Nuvance Health combines highly skilled physicians, state-of-the-art facilities and technology, and compassionate caregivers dedicated to providing quality care across a variety of clinical areas, including Cardiovascular, Neurosciences, Oncology, Orthopedics, and Primary Care.

Nuvance Health has a network of convenient hospital and outpatient locations — Danbury Hospital, New Milford Hospital, Norwalk Hospital and Sharon Hospital in Connecticut, and Northern Dutchess Hospital, Putnam Hospital and Vassar Brothers Medical Center in New York — plus multiple primary and specialty care physician practice locations, including The Heart Center, a leading provider of cardiology care, and two urgent care offices. Non-acute care is offered through various affiliates, including the Thompson House for rehabilitation and skilled nursing services, and

the Home Care organizations. For more information about Nuvance Health, visit our [website](#).

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