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Red Cross: 20K donations uncollected due to winter storms, give blood or platelets now

Severe blood shortage intensifies as snow, ice and extreme temperatures impact blood drives

ASHEVILLE, N.C., Feb. 3, 2026 — The American Red Cross urges people to take action now to help offset the severe impact of recent winter storms on efforts to rebuild the blood supply during an ongoing blood shortage. Donors of all blood types are asked to make a blood or platelet donation appointment as soon as possible.

Over 500 blood drives have been canceled since the beginning of the year, causing more than 20,000 blood and platelet donations to go uncollected. In addition to the disruption of blood drives, dangerous weather conditions have also made it tougher to transport vital blood products, which could potentially affect deliveries to hospitals in some locations.

Patient care is at risk — donors in unaffected areas are asked to book an appointment to give blood or platelets now by using the Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Those in areas facing extreme winter weather are asked to give when it's safe to do so. All who come to give Jan. 26-Feb. 28, 2026, will receive a \$20 e-gift card to a merchant of choice. See RedCrossBlood.org/Heart for details.

Hospital impact

Shortfalls in blood and platelet donations caused by recent winter storms are putting further strain on the national blood supply, forcing some hospitals to cancel elective procedures due to blood product shortages. When supplies are critically low, trauma surgeons and other doctors face the real possibility that blood could run out when it's needed most. Now is the time to give blood or platelets before doctors have to face difficult decisions about which patients can safely move forward with treatment, and who will need to wait.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities Feb. 3-28:

For blood drives between February 3-7, please visit redcrossblood.org

Avery

Banner Elk
2/17/2026: 2 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Lees-McRae College - Hayes Auditorium Building, 191 Main St W

Newland
2/10/2026: 1:30 p.m. - 6 p.m., Altamont United Methodist Church, 100 Altamont Church Rd
2/18/2026: 12:30 p.m. - 5 p.m., Linville Land Harbor Recreation Complex, 22 Land Harbor Pkwy

Buncombe

Asheville
2/8/2026: 8 a.m. - 2:15 p.m., Asheville Blood Donation Center, 100 Edgewood Road
2/9/2026: 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Asheville Blood Donation Center, 100 Edgewood Road
2/10/2026: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., GE Aerospace, 502 Sweeten Creek Industrial Park Rd
2/10/2026: 12 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Asheville Blood Donation Center, 100 Edgewood Road
2/11/2026: 10:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Univ of NC Asheville - Highsmith Student Center, 1 University Heights
2/11/2026: 12 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Asheville Blood Donation Center, 100 Edgewood Road
2/12/2026: 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., University of North Carolina Asheville, 1 University Heights
2/12/2026: 10:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Univ of NC Asheville - Highsmith Student Center, 1 University Heights
2/13/2026: 8 a.m. - 2:45 p.m., Asheville Blood Donation Center, 100 Edgewood Road

2/14/2026: 8 a.m. - 2:45 p.m., Asheville Blood Donation Center, 100 Edgewood Road
2/15/2026: 8 a.m. - 2:15 p.m., Asheville Blood Donation Center, 100 Edgewood Road
2/16/2026: 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Asheville Blood Donation Center, 100 Edgewood Road
2/17/2026: 12 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Asheville Blood Donation Center, 100 Edgewood Road
2/18/2026: 12 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Asheville Blood Donation Center, 100 Edgewood Road
2/19/2026: 11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Trinity Episcopal Church, 60 Church St
2/20/2026: 8 a.m. - 2:45 p.m., Asheville Blood Donation Center, 100 Edgewood Road
2/21/2026: 8 a.m. - 2:45 p.m., Asheville Blood Donation Center, 100 Edgewood Road
2/21/2026: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Tried Stone Missionary Baptist Church, 100 Carroll Ave
2/22/2026: 8 a.m. - 2:15 p.m., Asheville Blood Donation Center, 100 Edgewood Road
2/23/2026: 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Asheville Blood Donation Center, 100 Edgewood Road
2/24/2026: 12 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Asheville Blood Donation Center, 100 Edgewood Road
2/25/2026: 8 a.m. - 12:45 p.m., First Baptist Church, 5 Oak Street
2/25/2026: 12 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Asheville Blood Donation Center, 100 Edgewood Road
2/25/2026: 12:45 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, 5 Oak Street
2/27/2026: 8 a.m. - 2:45 p.m., Asheville Blood Donation Center, 100 Edgewood Road
2/28/2026: 8 a.m. - 2:45 p.m., Asheville Blood Donation Center, 100 Edgewood Road

Cherokee

Murphy

2/19/2026: 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Cherokee County Department of Social Services, 4800 US-64
2/24/2026: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m., Peachtree Memorial Baptist Church, 1650 North Carolina 141

Graham

Robbinsville

2/20/2026: 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., WEST WARD COMMUNITY BUILDING, 196 Knight St

Haywood

Clyde

2/11/2026: 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Haywood Regional Medical Center, 75 Leroy George Road

Waynesville

2/23/2026: 12 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge Waynesville, 435 East Marshall Street
2/27/2026: 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Lowe's 0470 Waynesville, 100 Liner Cove Rd

Henderson

Flat Rock

2/12/2026: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Blue Ridge Community College--Killian, 180 West Campus Drive

Hendersonville

2/13/2026: 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Henderson County Offices, 211 1st Ave E
2/16/2026: 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., American Red Cross, 211 1st Avenue East
2/17/2026: 1:30 p.m. - 6 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 204 6th Avenue West
2/19/2026: 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., YMCA Hendersonville, 810 6th Ave W
2/23/2026: 1 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., American Red Cross, 211 1st Avenue East

Jackson

Cashiers

2/9/2026: 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Cashiers Fire Department, 579 Frank Allen Road

Cullowhee

2/26/2026: 12:30 p.m. - 6 p.m., Western Carolina University Hinds Univ Center, 245 Memorial Dr

Sylva

2/13/2026: 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., United Community Bank, 1640 E Main St
2/24/2026: 1 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 77 Jackson Street
2/27/2026: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Harris Regional Hospital, 68 Hospital Road

Macon**Highlands**

2/16/2026: 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Highlands United Methodist Church, 315 Main St

McDowell**Marion**

2/18/2026: 1:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., YMCA Marion, 348 Grace Corpeneing Dr
2/27/2026: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Marion Elementary School, 209 Robert St

Old Fort

2/24/2026: 12:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, 203 East Main Street

Mitchell**Spruce Pine**

2/18/2026: 11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Mayland Community College, 200 Mayland Dr

Polk**Columbus**

2/19/2026: 1 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., Steps To Hope, 60 Ward Street

Rutherford**Cliffside**

2/28/2026: 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Cliffside Baptist Church, 220 Old Main St

Forest City

2/12/2026: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., Chase High School, 1603 Chase High Road
2/20/2026: 12 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., First Baptist Church - Forest City, 211 West Main Street

Mooresboro

2/9/2026: 2 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Befesa Zinc Metal, 484 Hicks Grove Rd

Rutherfordton

2/11/2026: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., Rutherford Regional Medical Center, 288 South Ridgecrest Ave.
2/27/2026: 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., 2nd Baptist Church, 191 Green Street

Spindale

2/10/2026: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Isothermal Community College Student Center, 286 I C C Loop Rd

Transylvania**Brevard**

2/9/2026: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m., Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 150 Brian Berg Lane
2/26/2026: 1 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., VFW Post #4309, 50 Veterans Circle

Cedar Mountain

2/14/2026: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Cedar Mountain Volunteer Fire Department, 8725 Cascade Lake Road

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Burnsville

2/13/2026: 1:30 p.m. - 6 p.m., Glen Raven, Inc, 73 East Hwy 19E

2/27/2026: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Burnsville Fire Department, 305 Pineola St.

About the American Red Cross:

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides comfort to victims of disasters; supplies about 40% of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; distributes international humanitarian aid; and supports veterans, military members and their families. The Red Cross is a nonprofit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to deliver its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or CruzRojaAmericana.org, or follow us on social media.

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