



Recovering from COVID-19?

Consider Donating Blood Plasma

Meadville Medical Center (MMC) is seeking patients who have recovered from proven COVID-19 infection to donate their blood plasma. Plasma from a healthy, recovered patient contains antibodies that kill the virus and have the potential to heal and potentially save the life of a hospitalized COVID-19 patient.

▶ **If you would like to help, please call 1-877-PLASMA9 (1-877-752-7629) between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, to speak with a research study team member, or visit www.TheFightIsInUs.org.**

- Eligible plasma donors include both MMC patients with proven COVID-19 infection and patients treated outside of MMC for COVID-19.
- If treated for COVID-19 outside of MMC, please provide proof of a positive COVID-19 molecular test result.
- Patients with certain underlying medical conditions and advanced age are not eligible to donate.

The plasma donation procedure is similar to donating blood and takes about an hour. Unlike regular blood donation, plasma can be donated as often as twice a week.

JOIN THE FIGHT!

PLASMA IS NEEDED NOW

People who have recovered from COVID-19 have a lot of fight in them, in the form of antibodies in their blood plasma. These antibodies helped them fight off COVID-19, and they could help other people fight it off too.

A new campaign called **The Fight Is In Us** is encouraging everyone who has survived COVID-19 to donate their plasma. This donated plasma will be directly transfused into patients or used to make a potential medicine.

The more plasma we collect, the more people we can help.

WHAT IS PLASMA?

Plasma is the liquid portion of your blood. It consists mainly of water, proteins, and antibodies that help your body function. The plasma of people who have survived COVID-19 contains antibodies that could help others fight the virus. Plasma cannot be made in a lab — it must be donated by people.

Donating blood plasma is a safe process that has been used for more than 100 years to help save lives. Thousands of people safely and painlessly donate plasma every day. Blood plasma donation is performed in a highly regulated environment by professionally trained staff using sterile, one-time-use, disposable materials. Facilities follow strict guidelines when collecting plasma to ensure the donor's safety and comfort.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Do you know someone who has recovered from COVID-19? If so, please encourage them to visit www.TheFightIsInUs.org to learn more. The website contains answers to questions about plasma donation, and features a simple tool that COVID-19 survivors can use to self-qualify for plasma donation and find convenient donor centers.

Potential donors can also call **1-877-PLASMA9** (1-877-752-7629).

In addition to information about plasma donation, the campaign website also contains sample language and social media posts you can use to help us spread the word!