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UPDATE ON THE PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES TAKEN TO SAFEGUARD DONORS’ HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Blood is required daily to support the needs of patients in Singapore. We strongly urge donors who are healthy and eligible to step forward to donate blood as patients really need their support even during this challenging COVID-19 (Coronavirus Disease 2019) period.

2 The Health Sciences Authority is taking additional precautionary measures to protect the health and well-being of donors when they are at the blood bank or a mobile drive.

3 We are now screening potential donors before they can enter the blood banks or mobile drives. All persons who are unwell, with risk of exposure to COVID-19 based on the answers to the pre-screening questionnaire or have travelled overseas in the last 14 days will not be allowed to enter the premises.

4 As part of our safe distancing measures, we have set our donation beds at least a metre apart in the donation room. Donors are also encouraged to observe a safe distance while seated at the waiting and refreshment areas. We have provided signages and moved the chairs apart to help donors to space themselves out in these areas. To shorten their time spent at the blood bank, we would also like to encourage donors to make an appointment before coming down for their donation.

5 At mobile drives, we will work with the organisers to spread out the seats and donation beds as much as feasible. We will closely monitor donors’ turnout and stagger their entry, if necessary.

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