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HSA’S UPDATES ON THE PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES TAKEN TO SAFEGUARD DONORS’ HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

In response to the 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) situation, the Blood Services Group of the Health Sciences Authority is taking additional precautionary measures to ensure the health and safety of our blood donors.

2 We are screening potential donors and their companions for fever or respiratory symptoms, such as cough or runny nose, as well as their travel history to Mainland China, before they can enter the blood banks or mobile drive premises. All persons who are unwell, with risk of exposure to the novel coronavirus, or have travelled to Mainland China in the last 14 days will not be allowed to enter the premises.

3 To further assure our donors, we have also increased the frequency of cleaning to ensure the cleanliness standards of our blood banks.

4 Blood is required daily to support the needs of patients in Singapore. However, our blood stocks are currently trending downwards. We therefore strongly urge donors who are healthy and eligible to step forward as our patients really need your support during this challenging period.

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