Change Notification UK National Blood Services No. 06 - 2021

Coronavirus Infection

These changes apply to the Whole Blood and Components Donor Selection Guidelines

Please amend the following sections in this entry:

3. Person requiring isolation or quarantine after travel

Includes: Donors required to isolate or quarantine after travel. Donors who have returned from a quarantine country but are exempt from quarantine due to their job.

Excludes: Donors with symptoms of Coronavirus infection (see above).

Obligatory: Must not donate if:
   a) Less than 14 10 days from the first day of isolation or quarantine.
   b) Less than 14 10 days from the date of return to the UK for a donor who is exempt from quarantine for job purposes.

Discretionary: If it is at least 14 10 days since the first day of isolation or quarantine and the donor remains well, accept.

Reason for change: Entry updated to include all vaccines currently approved for the UK COVID-19 vaccination programme. The obligatory deferral for donors required to quarantine after travel has been reduced from 14 days to 10 days, in line with current UK government quarantine requirements.

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