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Coronavirus Infection

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

Please make the following changes to these sections of the Coronavirus Infection topic:

**Obligatory**

Must not donate if:

a) Less than 24-28 days from a donor’s return from a Coronavirus risk area. This includes transit through an airport in a Coronavirus risk area, even if the traveller has not left the airport.

b) Less than 24-28 days from the last contact with a person with Coronavirus infection.

c) Less than three months 28 days since recovery from Coronavirus infection or possible Coronavirus infection.

**Discretionary**

If more than 21 days has passed since returning from a Coronavirus risk area, or from the last contact with a person affected by Coronavirus and the donor has remained well, accept.

If more than 28 days has passed since:

- returning from a Coronavirus risk area, and/or
- last contact with a person affected by Coronavirus, and/or
- recovery from proven or presumed Coronavirus infection

and the donor has remained well, accept.

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Reason for Change

The novel coronavirus responsible for the 2019-20 outbreak has been named SARS-CoV-2 and the associated disease has been named COVID-19. Clarification that coronavirus risk applies to airport stopovers. The deferral after travel and recovery have been changed in line with revised European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) guidance.

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