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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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