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# Coronavirus Infection

## These changes apply to the ALL the Tissue and Cells 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.

**If less than 24 28 days has passed since returning from a Coronavirus risk area, or from the last contact with a person affected by Coronavirus, or since recovery from Coronavirus infection or possible Coronavirus infection, refer to designated clinical support officer. Donor may be accepted with individual risk assessment subject to expert microbiological advice**

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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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