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### **SARS** (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome)

**Applies to the Living Tissue Donor, Deceased Tissue Donor, Cord Blood Donor and Bone Marrow and PBSC Donor Selection Guidelines**

**Please modify the entry as follows:**

**Obligatory**

**Must not donate if:**

- a) Less than 21 days from leaving a country to which the Department of Health (DH) has advised deferring travel, because there is, or is thought to be, ongoing transmission of SARS.
- b) Less than 21 days from last contact with a person with SARS.
- c) Less than three months since recovery from SARS or possible SARS.

**Discretionary**

If more than 21 days has passed since return from a SARS endemic area, or from the last contact with a person affected by SARS and the donor has remained well, accept

**Additional Information**

Since 2004 there have not been any known cases of SARS reported anywhere in the world. Although the threat of SARS to public health seems to have passed, international health officials continue to remain vigilant. The World Health Organization (WHO) monitors countries throughout the world for any unusual disease activity.

**Reason for Change**

Under 'Additional Information' the extant entry states "DH advice can be found at: [www.dh.gov.uk/PolicyAndGuidance/HealthAdviceForTravellers/fs/en](http://www.dh.gov.uk/PolicyAndGuidance/HealthAdviceForTravellers/fs/en) under 'Latest health updates'." The site that this link used to go to no longer exists.



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