

IBTS to introduce appointments system at blood donation clinics to maintain blood supply and to support physical distancing

The IBTS has today (Wednesday) announced details of changes to their blood donation clinics in order to continue collecting blood to meet patient demand while ensuring the safety of donors attending clinics.

“We are asking donors to make appointments so that we can manage attendance to ensure maximum social distancing while attending a clinic. These arrangements will come into effect on Monday 30th March. In spite of Covid 19, we still need to collect about 80% of our normal supply. Cancer patients, transplant cases, trauma and others with conditions that require ongoing support with blood components rely on blood donors as much as ever,” said IBTS Chief Executive Andy Kelly.

“Donors will be triaged before committing to an appointment and will be met at the clinic and pre-assessed again before proceeding to donate. Social distancing will be maintained throughout the process and clinic staff have been trained to minimise the risk to donors. We would also ask that those who make an appointment keep it so that there is a sustainable blood supply.

We are grateful for the support donors have given so far and the blood supply at this time remains good, however the need for blood donations is ongoing and we are now planning for the weeks ahead.”

Donors will be contacted by text and asked to call a number for their local clinic so that an appointment slot can be allocated to them. Up to date information for donors is available at www.giveblood.ie.

The clinics for the week commencing the 30th March are as follows:

Mon	30/03/2020	Naas, Co.Kildare , Scoil Bhríde Oldtown Sallins Road Naas 04:45pm - 09:00pm	Dundalk - Crowne Plaza , Co.Louth, Ardee Parish Centre Hale Street Ardee 04:30pm - 08:00pm	Carlow Town, Co.Carlow, Talbot Hotel Barrow Valley Retail Park 04:30pm - 08:00pm		Cork City Hall, Co.Cork, Cork City Hall 12:00pm - 03:30pm	Greenhills Hotel, Caherdavin, Limerick 04:30pm - 08:00pm	D'Olier Street , Co.Dublin, 2nd Floor Lafayette House 2-5 D'Olier Street 12:15pm - 04:00pm		Cork City , Co.Cork, St. Finbarr's Hospital Douglas Road 12:00pm - 07:30pm
Tue	31/03/2020	Naas, Co.Kildare , Scoil Bhríde Oldtown Sallins Road Naas 04:45pm - 09:30pm	Dundalk - Crowne Plaza , Co.Louth, Ardee Parish Centre Hale Street Ardee 04:30pm - 08:00pm	Carlow Town, Co.Carlow, Talbot Hotel Barrow Valley Retail Park 04:30pm - 08:00pm	Ballina , Co.Mayo., Ballina Sports Centre Cathedral Road 04:30pm - 08:00pm	Cork City Hall, Co.Cork, Cork City Hall 04:00pm - 07:30pm	Greenhills Hotel, Caherdavin, Limerick 04:30pm - 08:00pm	D'Olier Street , Co.Dublin, 2nd Floor Lafayette House 2-5 D'Olier Street 10:00am - 06:00pm	Stillorgan, Co.Dublin , 6 Old Dublin Road Stillorgan 10:00am - 08:00pm	Cork City , Co.Cork, St. Finbarr's Hospital Douglas Road 03:30pm - 07:30pm
Wed	01/04/2020	Naas, Co.Kildare , Scoil Bhríde Oldtown Sallins Road Naas 02:45pm - 07:30pm	Dundalk - Clan na Gael, Co.Louth, Ardee Parish Centre Hale Street Ardee 04:30pm - 08:00pm	Carlow Town, Co.Carlow, Talbot Hotel Barrow Valley Retail Park 04:30pm - 08:00pm	Ballina , Co.Mayo., Ballina Sports Centre Cathedral Road 04:30pm - 08:00pm	Cork City Hall, Co.Cork, Cork City Hall 04:00pm - 07:30pm	Greenhills Hotel, Caherdavin, Limerick 04:30pm - 08:00pm	D'Olier Street , Co.Dublin, 2nd Floor Lafayette House 2-5 D'Olier Street 10:00am - 07:00pm	Stillorgan, Co.Dublin , 6 Old Dublin Road Stillorgan 01:00pm - 08:00pm	Cork City , Co.Cork, St. Finbarr's Hospital Douglas Road 11:30am - 02:30pm
Thu	02/04/2020	Naas, Co.Kildare , Scoil Bhríde Oldtown Sallins Road Naas 04:45pm - 09:00pm	Dundalk - Clan na Gael, Co.Louth, Ardee Parish Centre Hale Street Ardee 04:30pm - 08:00pm	Carlow Town, Co.Carlow, Talbot Hotel Barrow Valley Retail Park 04:30pm - 08:00pm	Ballina , Co.Mayo., Ballina Sports Centre Cathedral Road 04:30pm - 08:00pm	Cork City Hall, Co.Cork, Cork City Hall 04:00pm - 07:30pm	Greenhills Hotel, Caherdavin, Limerick 04:30pm - 08:00pm	D'Olier Street , Co.Dublin, 2nd Floor Lafayette House 2-5 D'Olier Street 10:00am - 07:00pm	Stillorgan, Co.Dublin , 6 Old Dublin Road Stillorgan 01:00pm - 08:00pm	Cork City , Co.Cork, St. Finbarr's Hospital Douglas Road 03:30pm - 07:30pm
Fri	03/04/2020							D'Olier Street , Co.Dublin, 2nd Floor Lafayette House 2-5 D'Olier Street 08:30am - 02:30pm		

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