

March Southcoast Blood Donation Schedule

The Southcoast™ Blood Bank at St. Luke's Hospital has announced the March schedule for community blood drives.



A healthy incentive for Southcoast blood donors

YMCA Southcoast has partnered with the Southcoast Blood Bank to offer donors a healthy incentive. Anyone who donates blood at the Southcoast Blood Bank at St. Luke's Hospital, or at any of the community blood drives hosted by the Southcoast Blood Bank, will receive a complimentary family guest pass to any YMCA SOUTHCOAST facility, and the Y will waive the joiner fee for any donor interested in a new YMCA membership (up to a \$90 savings).

"We are extremely appreciative to the YMCA for partnering with the Southcoast Blood Bank for this ongoing promotion," said John Laverty, MD, Medical Director of the Southcoast Blood Bank. "This new initiative provides our donors with a healthy incentive in appreciation for their support of the local blood supply."

YMCA SOUTHCOAST facilities include the Dartmouth YMCA, the Fall River YMCA, the Gleason Family YMCA in Wareham, the Mattapoisett YMCA and the New Bedford YMCA.

You have a choice! Donate local.

The Southcoast Blood Bank is the only blood donation venue that directly supports the South Coast communities' blood supply. When you donate blood at a Southcoast-sponsored blood drive you are helping to keep your local blood supply strong – so it is there when you need it.

“Together we can do more to strengthen the foundation of our community,” said Gary Schuyler, President & CEO of YMCA SOUTHCOAST. “We hope that our collaboration with the Southcoast Blood Bank will encourage and show gratitude to members of our community who choose to donate locally.”

Where to donate

Community Blood Drives: Southcoast hosts blood drives throughout the region on the Southcoast Health Van and at local businesses. To schedule a free blood drive please call Catherine Alegria, Southcoast Blood Donor Coordinator, at 508-993-0430 or by email at alegriac@southcoast.org.

The following is a list of community blood drives during the month of February:

WAREHAM

Friday, March 1

Tobey Hospital

43 High Street

Blood Drive

8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

FAIRHAVEN

Sunday, March 3

St. Joseph's Church

74 Spring Street

Blood Drive

8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

FALL RIVER

Thursday, March 7
Bristol Community College
777 Elsbree Street

Blood Drive

8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

WAREHAM

Sunday, March 10
St. Patrick's Church
82 High St., Wareham

Blood Drive

7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

FAIRHAVEN

Tuesday, March 19
South Coast Business Center
200 Mill Road

Blood Drive

8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

WAREHAM

Sunday, March 24
Wareham Crossing
2421 Cranberry Highway

Blood Drive

9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

NORTH DARTMOUTH

Tuesday, March 26
Hawthorn Cancer Center
535 Faunce Corner Road

Blood Drive

10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

FALL RIVER

Thursday, March 28
Shaw's Supermarket

465 William Canning Boulevard
Blood Drive
11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

FALL RIVER

Friday, March 29
Charlton Memorial Hospital
363 Highland Avenue
Blood Drive
8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The Southcoast Blood Bank: Individuals can also donate at the Southcoast Blood Bank located at St. Luke's Hospital, 101 Page Street, New Bedford, off the main lobby. Walk-ins are welcome Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesdays 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 to 2:30 p.m. For more information or to make an appointment call 508-961-5320. More information is available online at www.southcoast.org/bloodbank/.