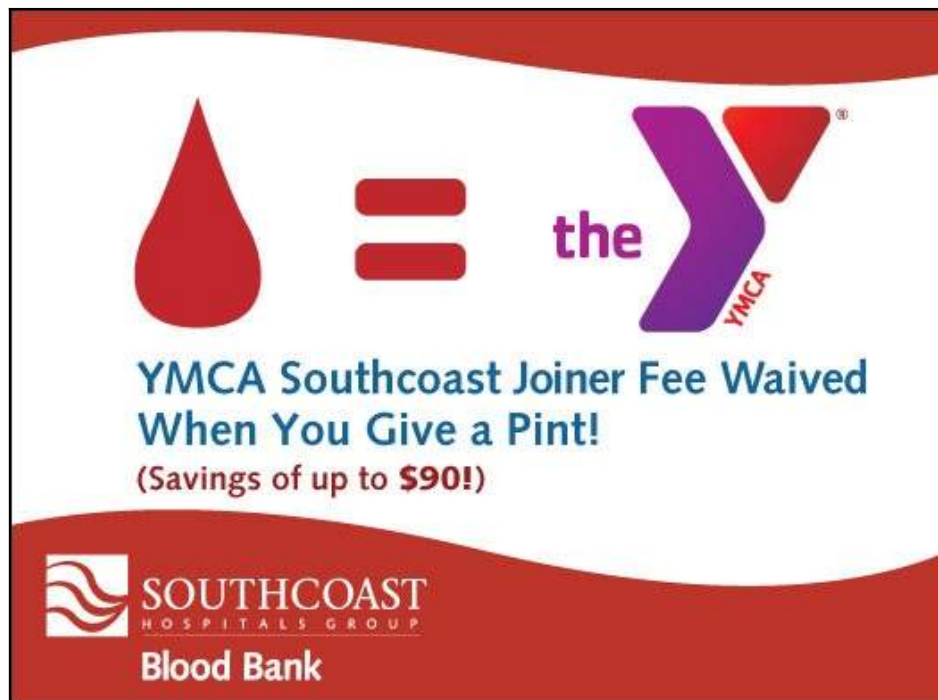


YMCA Joiner Fee Waived for Blood Donors; September Schedule



Southcoast Blood Bank announces community blood drive schedule for the month of September

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.

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 full list of community blood drives taking place during the month of September:

NORTH DARTMOUTH

Thursday, September 5
Bristol County House of Correction
400 Faunce Corner Road
Blood Drive
10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

WAREHAM

Friday, September 6
Tobey Hospital
43 High Street
Blood Drive
8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

FALL RIVER

Sunday, September 15
St. Bernadette Church
529 Eastern Avenue
Blood Drive
8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

WAREHAM

Sunday, September 22
St. Patrick's Church
82 High Street
Blood Drive
7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

FAIRHAVEN

Wednesday, September 25
Southcoast Center For Cancer Care
206 Mill Road
Blood Drive
10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

FALL RIVER

Friday, September 27
Charlton Memorial Hospital
363 Highland Avenue
Blood Drive
8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

NEW BEDFORD

Sunday, September 29
Sharon's Walk
Fort Taber Park
Blood Drive
9:30 a.m. to 2 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 9 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 to 2:30 p.m. The Southcoast Blood Bank will be closed on Monday, September 9. We apologize for the inconvenience.

For more information or to make an appointment, call 508-961-5320 or visit, www.southcoast.org/bloodbank/.
