

Community Blood Drive Schedule For April

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 April:

NEW BEDFORD

Wednesday, April 3
Kennedy Donovan Center
19 Hawthorn Street
Blood Drive

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

WAREHAM

Friday, April 5

Tobey Hospital

43 High Street

Blood Drive

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

SWANSEA

Saturday, April 6

Swansea Ambulance

285 Wilbur Avenue

Blood Drive

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

DARTMOUTH

Sunday, April 7

St. Mary's Church

783 Dartmouth St., Dartmouth

Blood Drive

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

BUZZARDS BAY

Monday, April 8

Charizma Hair Salon

3241 Cranberry Highway

Blood Drive

Noon to 6 p.m.

FALL RIVER

Saturday, April 13

Lodge of Elks No. 118

4500 North Main Street

Blood Drive

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

FALL RIVER

Sunday, April 14

Knights of Columbus
529 Eastern Avenue
Blood Drive
8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

ACUSHNET

Sunday, April 21
Summer Winds Farm
1528 Main Street
Blood Drive
10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

WAREHAM

Tuesday, April 23
Rosebrook
100 Rosebrook Way
Blood Drive
8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

FALL RIVER

Thursday, April 25
Charlton Memorial Hospital
363 Highland Avenue
Blood Drive
8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

NEW BEDFORD

Friday, April 26
Moose Lodge 914
119 Rockdale Avenue
Blood Drive
11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

NEW BEDFORD

Sunday, April 28
Club Madeirense S.S. Sacramento
50 Madeira 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/.

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.