



COVID-19

Reminders & Updates

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The 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) situation continues to change rapidly. We are closely monitoring the impacts of COVID-19.

Reminders

Our top priority is donor and patient safety.

We are

- monitoring system needs and expert recommendations daily. We will adjust our practice to align with most up-to-date information.
- strongly recommending cryopreservation of all stem cell products at this time with few exceptions.
- screening donors at various timepoints as well as reinforcing education on proper hygiene, social distancing/isolation, and timely reporting of exposures or symptoms.

Why cryopreservation?

Donor and Recipient safety!

We want to ensure that transplant center has product in-hand before starting patient prep.

Donor or courier
travel has been
restricted within the
US/internationally

Donor does not feel
comfortable with or
declines to travel

Donor does not feel
comfortable with or
declines clinic or
hospital setting

Donor's workplace
or state has
mandated
restrictions on travel

Donor does not
pass COVID-19
screening at PE,
lab, or donation
facility

Donor becomes
exposed to or ill with
COVID-19 prior to
donation

Important CDC Definitions

- **Suspected:** presumptive positive or other compelling reason for believing donor was infected but not tested
- **Presumptive positive:** case in which individual has at least one respiratory specimen that tested positive for virus that causes COVID-19 at a **state or local laboratory** but has not yet been confirmed at a CDC laboratory
- **Close contact:**
 - Being within approximately 6 feet (2 meters) of someone with presumptive or confirmed positive case of COVID-19 for a **prolonged period of time**; *close contact can occur while being intimately involved with, living with, visiting, or caring for someone.*
 - May include being in the same space such as sharing a health care waiting area or room with someone diagnosed with COVID-19.
 - Includes direct contact with infectious secretions from someone diagnosed with COVID-19.

Coronavirus Assessment Questionnaire, F01190

Revision 3 of *Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Infection Assessment Questionnaire*, was effective on Monday 3/16 for all new CT, HW, and Workup requests.

- 1. In the past 30 days, have you been diagnosed with 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) or suspected of having this infection?**
 - YES = TU for 30 days from onset of symptoms or diagnosis
- 2. In the past 30 days, have you been in close contact such as living with or caring for anyone diagnosed with coronavirus?**
 - CDC definition of “close contact”
 - Presumptive positive or Confirmed positive cases
 - YES = TU for 30 days from contact’s diagnosis; check in with donor before reactivated to inquire about any donor symptoms or diagnosis

Suspected = presumptive positive or other compelling reason for believing donor was infected but not tested

Close contact = Being within approx. 6 feet / 2 meters someone with presumptive or confirmed positive case of COVID-19 for a prolonged period of time; close contact can occur while being intimately involved with, living with, visiting, or caring for someone. This may also include being in the same space such as sharing a health care waiting area or room with someone with COVID-19. This also includes direct contact with infectious secretions from someone diagnosed with COVID-19.

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3. In the past 30 days, have you traveled to a country assigned by the CDC with a Level 3 warning risk* for coronavirus?

- YES = Helps TC make informed decision about whether to proceed with this donor and prepares donor teams for close monitoring

4. In the upcoming two months, do you plan to travel to a country assigned by the CDC with a Level 3 warning risk* for coronavirus?

- YES = Helps DC/AC/CC/TC determine donation timing and follow-up

*Refer to CDC Coronavirus Disease 2019 Information for Travel for the current list of countries with Level 3 warnings.

NEW RECOMMENDATION:

Donors who were requested prior to implementation of F01190 will be questioned retroactively.

We are not planning to screen again after workup.

We will be in close communication with donors.

Some facilities have their own pre-donation screening.



Look up
country by
name!

Review
map
carefully!

Malaysia just added as Level 3

Donor Symptoms*

COVID-19	Filgrastim
Cough	Bone/muscle aches/pain
Fever	Headache
Shortness of breath	Nausea
Chest pain	Fatigue

*This list is not all-inclusive. Please use other information, such as onset of symptoms and donor travel and exposure report, to help guide decision-making.

Less frequently, filgrastim may cause fever or dry cough. Filgrastim does not routinely cause acute shortness of breath.

The most common/classic symptoms of COVID-19 infection may appear 2 to 14 days after exposure. Side effects of filgrastim typically appear within the first 24 hours of the first injection and continue until a day or two after donation.

COVID-19 Testing

NMDP/Be The Match, in conjunction with other regulatory agencies such as the FDA and AABB, **does not** currently recommend or require donor or product testing or product quarantine.

At this time, there is no evidence that COVID-19 is transmitted via blood, bone marrow, or stem cell products.

Pre-donation screening and any new developments, and pertinent post-donation findings will be reported to the appropriate parties.

We will only test a donor if clinically appropriate and in special circumstances (because otherwise we would TU/defer).

There is limited test availability. Most testing facilities will not agree to test someone who doesn't meet criteria, so this is not something we can guarantee or prearrange for donors or DC/AC/CC/TCs.

Note: There is a helpful public health risk

- This is challenging situation for us all.
- It is changing every day.
- Additional modifications likely will be needed.

***Thank you for your flexibility
and ongoing support of
our volunteer donors
and waiting recipients.***



Helpful Links

Questions? DMS@nmdp.org

- Network Website COVID-19 Updates page (including FAQs): <https://network.bethematchclinical.org/news/nmdp/be-the-match-response-to-covid-19/>
- F01190 *Novel Coronavirus Health History Screening Questionnaire*: <https://network.bethematchclinical.org/donor-centers/additional-testing/donor-assessment/health-history-screening-questionnaires/>
- CDC Preventative Measures: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html>
- CDC Guidance for Risk Assessment: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/risk-assessment.html>
- CDC Travel Health Notices: <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices#travel-notice-definitions>