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Blood drive cancellations cause drop in supply

Lexington, KY – Winter weather has caused the loss of several hundred blood donations this week with more blood drive cancellations expected.

“We’ve already lost 19 blood drives this month – four of them today – and the community’s blood supply has dropped dramatically. With little improvement in the forecast during the next few days, we will lose more,” said Bill Reed, President and CEO of Kentucky Blood Center (KBC). “We’re asking people to donate soon to help bring the supply back up.”

KBC is scheduled to start the annual Big Blue Slam competition (Kentucky versus Florida) on Monday. “Although it’s fun to win, it’s more important now to pump up the blood supply, and we don’t want donors to wait until next week,” said Reed. Donors who come in beginning tomorrow will receive a Big Blue Slam T-shirt and a chance to win an SEC Tournament package.

KBC Donor Centers are operating on regular schedule, and appointments are not necessary. The current blood drive schedule is available at kybloodcenter.org.

KBC Donor Centers

Beaumont Donor Center
3121 Beaumont Centre Circle
Lexington

Somerset Donor Center
Off Highway 27 at stoplight 16A

Andover Donor Center
3130 Maple Leaf Drive in the Andover Shoppes
Lexington

Pikeville Donor Center
472 S. Mayo Trail

For more information, visit kybloodcenter.org or call **800.775.2522**.

Blood donors must be 17-years-old (16 with parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds, be in general good health, show a photo I.D. and meet additional requirements. Sixteen-year-old donors must have a signed parental permission slip, which can be found at kybloodcenter.org.

About Kentucky Blood Center

KBC, the largest FDA regulated blood bank in Kentucky, is a non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring a safe, adequate blood supply for patients at nearly 70 Kentucky hospitals and clinics in more than 60 counties. KBC relies on volunteers to donate 400 pints of blood per day to meet area patients’ needs. Over the last year KBC distributed nearly 130,000 blood components.