



# Blood Drive Overview

## *The Blood & Tissue Center of Central Texas*



Erin, Donor

### What we do and why:

Central Texans need hundreds of blood donations each day. This need is continually growing and will always require groups like yours who are willing to make the commitment. By hosting a blood drive and understanding that life is in your hands, you are helping to ensure that life-sustaining blood is available. Give your community a hand. Host a blood drive today.

## *Types of Drives & Requirements*

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### Inside Drives



***An opportunity for your group to host a blood drive inside your own facility.***

Blood Center staff brings portable donation beds, clinical supplies and refreshments. Set up time: Approximately 45 minutes prior to the drive start time.

#### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- The space must have electrical outlets and good lighting.
- A minimum of 18 people signed up to donate blood for a two-hour blood drive.
- Must meet donor flow requirements to ensure minimal wait time for donors.
- The room must have or be near restrooms and water.
- The room must have cool air conditioning set between 68°F–72°F that can be turned down for a blood drive.
- Parking for The Center's van and trailer during the blood drive.
- Blood Center staff must inspect and approve room.

## 2 Bloodmobile Drives

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*An opportunity for your group to host a blood drive outside your facility in one of our self-contained bloodmobile buses.*

The bus is parked outside your facility, and donors board the bus to make their donation.  
Set up time: Approximately 20 minutes prior to the drive start time.

### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Room to park a 40 ft. (L) x 8 ft. (W) x 12 ft. (H) bloodmobile bus, preferably near a building entrance.
- The bus needs eight parking spaces in a level, treeless area.
- A minimum of 18 people signed up to donate for a two-hour blood drive.
- Restrooms available for staff.
- Follow appointment schedule to spread donors out and minimize wait time.
- **Please note:** Neither our bus nor vans/trailers can go into parking garages.

## 3 Fixed-Site Drives

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*An opportunity for your group to host a blood drive at one of our various donor centers.*

### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Must meet with AE to develop time table and marketing plan to ensure success.

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*To give your community a hand, please contact us and find out how your group can host a blood drive.*

Call us at (512) 206-1300 or e-mail us at [blooddrives@inyourhands.org](mailto:blooddrives@inyourhands.org).

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