



The need for blood never takes a holiday

Montréal, June 26, 2017— Héma-Québec reminds that Québec's collective blood reserve belongs to all and during the warmer months, the need for blood doesn't take holidays. Every day, the organization needs at least 1,000 blood donations to maintain the reserve to an optimal level.

To contribute to this constant need, the Waterloo and Shefford Country Fire Department invite you to the blood drive to be held on Monday, June 26st, from 1:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at Saint-Bernardin Church, located at 5005 Foster Street, Waterloo. The objective of the blood drive is 95 donors.

In Québec, someone needs blood every 80 seconds. Regardless of where the blood is collected, it is processed and tested, and then sent wherever it is necessary to contribute to saving lives. Donors are allowed to give blood as frequently as every 56 days, i.e., six times a year.

Who can donate?

Any healthy person aged 18 and over can generally donate blood. However, traveling donors are advised to check if their destination is considered to be at risk for malaria, Zika or other similar viruses. Before going to a blood drive, you can verify your eligibility by contacting Donor services at 1 800 343-7264 or by visiting the Héma-Québec Web site at www.hema-quebec.qc.ca, under BLOOD > DONORS > Who Can Donate?

About Héma-Québec

Héma-Québec's mission is to efficiently meet the needs of the Québec population for quality blood and other biological products of human origin.

Héma-Québec encompasses 1,300 employees, nearly 165,000 blood donors, more than 2,000 mobile blood drives per year across Québec, thousands of volunteers and more than 300,000 blood products delivered annually to Québec hospitals to meet the needs of patients.

Give blood. Give life.

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