

Plasma Units 1

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An Arkansas blood center is marking a milestone in the collection of convalescent plasma to help those infected with the coronavirus. The nonprofit Arkansas Blood Institute says it received its 20-thousandth unit this week. Executive Director Mario Sedlock says the units, which come from someone who has recovered from an infection and have antibodies in their blood, are effective in helping others combat the virus.

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“...that significant number.”

Sedlock says the plasma is most effective in treating patients early in their infection. Anyone who has tested positive for the virus and recovered is encouraged to find blood drives in their area or visit A-R-K-B-I-dot-org.

Plasma Units 2

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An Arkansas non-profit is celebrating the distribution of its 20-thousandth unit of plasma with coronavirus antibodies. The convalescent plasma comes from people who have been infected with the virus, but recovered. Mario Sedlock, executive director of the Arkansas Blood Institute, says the plasma helps people who have recently tested positive by giving them antibodies to fight the virus. While he applauds those who have donated plasma, Sedlock says more is needed.

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“...of people are.”

Sedlock says the demand for the convalescent plasma is a testament of its effectiveness. Sedlock encourages those who have recovered from the coronavirus to donate at local blood drives or make an appointment online at A-R-K-B-I-dot-org.