

TEMPORARY DEFERRALS

CONDITION

Active infection

Allergy shots

Antibiotics
Oral medication
Injection

Blood/blood component transfusion

Cancer
Squamous cell carcinoma of skin
Melanoma

Cold, flu, sore throat

Ear piercing (commercial jewelry establishment/sterile conditions)

Exposure to hepatitis or given HBIG (for hepatitis exposure or needle stick)

Exposure to malaria
Travel to endemic area
Living in an endemic area
Malaria

Stent or heart condition
Heart attack and on heart medication

Incarceration for 72 consecutive hours in last 12 months . .

Mononucleosis
Infection

Surgery (without transfusion)

Tattoo or body piercing in a state licensed tattoo parlor . . .
Cosmetic tattoo (licensed clinical establishment)

Tuberculosis
Positive TB skin test with negative chest x-ray and no medications

Gonorrhea, syphilis

DEFERRAL PERIOD

48 hours (2 days) after completion of antibiotics and asymptomatic
No waiting

48 hours after last dose, acne preventative - no waiting
2 weeks after shot
12 months

2 weeks (14 days) after removal and completely healed
1 year after completion of treatment
72 hours after symptoms subside

72 hours and no sign of infection

12 months

12 months
3 years
3 years

6 months, one-time physician release and no cardiac medications (except aspirin)
12 months

3 months and fully recovered
Released by doctor and returned to normal activities with no restrictions
2 weeks after date of tattoo and no sign of infection
72 hours and no sign of infection
Until treated and disease is inactive

No waiting
12 months with written proof of treatment

VACCINES

Eligibility can be determined at the time of screening for vaccinations not listed below. No vaccination deferral period is longer than 56 days.

Hepatitis A - Deferred 12 months in post exposure
(Acceptable if given for prevention)

Hepatitis B - 14 days after injection

There is no waiting period for the following vaccines if symptom and fever free:

Cholera, diphtheria, flu, plague, pertussis, pneumonia, polio, tetanus toxoid, typhoid, typhus.

MEDICATION

Most medications do not interfere with blood donation. Please check with blood center staff for specific medication being taken.

Tegison - Permanent

Acitretin (Soriatane) - 3 years from date of last dose

Isotretinoin (Accutane) - 1 month from date of last dose

Proscar, Propecia (Finasteride) - 1 month from the date of last dose

Avodart - 6 months from date of last dose

Thank you for making a lifesaving difference.

PERMANENT DEFERRALS

Aortic stenosis	Hepatitis on or after 11th birthday
Aplastic anemia	Leishmaniasis
Hodgkin's and non-hodgkin's	Myasthenia gravis
Lymphoma	Polycythemia
Kaposi's sarcoma	Scleroderma
Leukemia	Sickle cell disease
Multiple myeloma	Thrombocytopenia paraparesis (TSP)
Cirrhosis	Von Willebrand's disease
Cystic fibrosis	Tegison
Elliptocytosis	Human growth hormone
G6PD deficiency	Beef insulin from UK
Mitral stenosis (not repaired)	

From 1980 - 1996 spent a total of 3 months or more in the United Kingdom

From 1980 - 1990 spent 6 months or more associated with a military base in Belgium, the Netherlands or Germany

From 1980 - 1996 spent 6 months or more associated with a military base in Spain, Portugal, Turkey, Italy or Greece

From 1980 - Present spent 5 years or more in Europe

From 1980 - Present received a blood transfusion in France or the UK