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Lee Health Seeks O Positive Blood Donors to Help Refill Inventory Levels

(Fort Myers, Fla. – Mar. 25, 2019) --- Lee Health is asking the community for O positive blood donations to help refill inventory levels. As home to the region's only trauma center, it is vital that Lee Health's blood supply remains at healthy levels in order to quickly care for patients needing an urgent transfusion. Blood and blood products are not only used in the trauma center, but also to treat cancer patients, premature babies, anemia and a variety of other conditions.

Lee Health's blood centers are the sole supplier of all blood products for the entire health system, and no blood donated at the centers is ever exported out of Southwest Florida. About 800 units of blood are needed per week, and the blood centers rely on life-saving donations from the community to maintain inventory levels.

Though there is a current need for O positive blood, donors of all blood types are welcomed and encouraged to help serve the needs of our community. Anyone who is at least 17 years old, or 16 years old with parental permission, weighs at least 115 pounds and is in good overall health is eligible to donate blood. A person can donate blood approximately every eight weeks.

Thank you to all of the loyal donors who continue to support our community blood centers. For more information on blood donation, or to find a blood center or blood drive near you, please call: 239-343-2333 or visit: <http://www.leehealth.org/bloodcenter/>

About Lee Health

Since the opening of the first hospital in 1916, Lee Health has been a health care leader in Southwest Florida, constantly evolving to meet the needs of the community. A non-profit, integrated health care services organization, Lee Health is committed to the well-being of every individual served, focused on healthy living and maintaining good health. Staffed by caring people, inspiring health, services are conveniently located throughout the community in four acute care hospitals, two specialty hospitals, outpatient centers, walk-in medical centers, primary care and specialty physician practices and other services across the continuum of care. Formerly known as Lee Memorial Health System, the organization began its second century of service with a new name in 2016. Learn more at www.LeeHealth.org.