



**Blood Bank of Alaska**  
Helping Alaska patients in need

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**Blood Bank of Alaska Holds a Blood Drive at Cordova Community Medical Center**

Blood Bank of Alaska hosts mobile blood drives every week to collect blood from volunteer blood donors in Alaska. This May they will travel to Cordova, AK to host a three day blood drive in partnership with Cordova Community Medical Center. Blood Bank of Alaska frequently travels out of town to collect blood that is distributed to 21 hospitals and medical centers from Kotzebue to Kenai. Established in 1962, Blood Bank of Alaska is the only blood bank located in the state of Alaska. As a critical part of the Emergency Response System for the state of Alaska, BBA strives to collect 700 units a week to provide blood for patients in need.

Cordova Community Medical Center

1<sup>st</sup> Floor Activity Room

602 Case Ave.

May 7<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

May 8<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

May 9<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



The blood collected helps patients impacted by trauma, heart surgery, cancer treatment, child birth and more. There is no substitute for blood. A car accident victim can need 50 units of blood to recover and some cancer patients need eight units a week. Donors that are interested in donating blood are encouraged to eat well, stay hydrated and rest prior to donating. Each donation consists of approximately one pint of blood, the average adult has ten pints of blood in their body. The process of donating takes about an hour and consists of a health questionnaire, mini-physical and a blood draw. The donor should rest in the waiting room for 15 to 20 minutes post donation to recover. Cookies and juice are provided to help the donor replenish their blood sugar. Call 222-5630 to schedule an appointment or visit [www.bloodbankofalaska.org](http://www.bloodbankofalaska.org) to sign up online via Donor Connection.

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**BLOOD BANK OF ALASKA**

Blood Bank of Alaska supplies blood to 21 Alaska hospitals and medical centers. Blood Bank of Alaska and its donors are dedicated to serving the Alaska community by safe, pure and potent blood products and laboratory services while meeting changing healthcare needs. Learn more at [www.bloodbankofalaska.org](http://www.bloodbankofalaska.org). Thousands of lives saved and counting, helping Alaska patients in need.