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Dear Everman Residents,

The COVID-19 crisis has had an impact on all of us. It has also impacted the blood supply for our region. With the closure of schools, universities, colleges, businesses and houses of worship, blood drives have been significantly reduced. With the decline of organized blood drives and the return of surgical procedures, our blood supply has experienced a profound and sudden decline.

Each day, six hundred patients in area hospitals require a blood transfusion. Carter BloodCare estimates that 1,000 donors are needed each day over the next four days to build back our community blood supply to acceptable levels.

Carter BloodCare follows CDC guidelines and has increased the frequency of cleaning beyond what is required. During the donation process, Carter BloodCare staff members wear masks. Donors may be asked to wear masks as well to ensure the safety of fellow donors and staff.

Your safety and the healthcare of our neighbors is paramount. As mayors, we will be donating blood and are asking our citizens to do

the same so our communities will be able to provide the needed healthcare services for our residents.

There are Carter BloodCare centers throughout North Texas. You can identify the location nearest to you by calling (800) 366-2834 or visiting [carterbloodcare.org](http://carterbloodcare.org). Thank you in advance for stepping up to help our region and sharing this need with your family and friends.

With gratitude,

Mayor Ray Richardson