



URGENT: IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED

To: ALL HOSPITAL SITES
From: National Emergency Blood Management Committee (NEBMC)*
Subject: RETURN TO GREEN PHASE

National Inventory Advisory

Date and time of issue	2023-12-01 12:00pm (EST)
Inventory Availability Phase	GREEN PHASE
Product(s)	O red blood cells (Rh positive and negative) and A-positive red blood cells (RBCs)
Description	<p>The inventory and supply situation has improved sufficiently to support the return to Green Phase for O RBCs (Rh positive and negative) and A-positive RBCs.</p> <p>The NEBMC acknowledges and appreciates the extra effort and diligence of hospitals during the now ended advisory period. The collective efforts of the national blood system have all contributed to this positive development.</p> <p>As outlined in The National Plan for Management of Shortages of Labile Blood Components, the NEBMC will take steps to debrief and will seek feedback to support shared learning.</p> <p><u>Action items for Green Phase:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provincial Emergency Blood Management Committees (PEBMCs) and hospitals are encouraged to reevaluate their minimum and maximum Green Phase inventory levels for these blood groups in the context of the need demonstrated during the now ended advisory period. Changes to practice which were taken during the advisory for optimal use of O-negative RBCs should continue to be the standard. • Hospitals are also asked to continue to report daily inventory levels for group O RBCs (Rh positive and negative) and A-positive RBCs by 12:00 noon EST each day until December 15, 2023, and then resume their green phase inventory reporting practices. Hospital inventory is to be reported via the following link: https://myhospital.blood.ca/, or in accordance with usual provincial practices (British Columbia and Manitoba). <p>For awareness, Canadian Blood Services has notified hospitals about ongoing routine maintenance work by one of their communication vendors. The Hospital Portal will be unavailable on Sunday, December 3rd, 2023, between 2:00am and 6:00am ET and hospitals will be asked to use fax to place orders during this time.</p>
Impact on hospitals	<p>Additional requirements for Green Phase</p> <p>Follow best practice for appropriate use, including adherence to patient blood management principles outlined in Choosing Wisely Canada recommendations related to RBC transfusions.</p>

	<p>If a hospital is not aware of what steps to take, they are asked to contact their local transfusion medicine physician on-call, their PEBMC, their Hospital Emergency Blood Management Committee or their Hospital Liaison Specialist.</p>
<p>For more information</p>	<p>For additional info, contact:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your representative to the Provincial Emergency Blood Management Committee 2. Your representative to your Hospital Emergency Blood Management Committee 3. Your Hospital Liaison Specialist, Canadian Blood Services

*The National Emergency Blood Management Committee is comprised of the National Advisory Committee on Blood and Blood Products, Provincial Territorial Blood Liaison representatives and key Canadian Blood Services personnel. This group will develop recommendations and provide advice to the P/T Ministries of Health, hospitals and regional health authorities, and Canadian Blood Services to support a consistent and coordinated response to critical blood shortages in Canada.

For information about the National Blood Shortages Plan, please see: <http://www.nacblood.ca/resources/shortages-plan/index.html>.

If you require this advisory in an accessible format, please contact your local Canadian Blood Services Hospital Liaison Specialist.