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## **Kentucky Blood Center COVID-19 Hospital Update**

As you know, there has been significant activity this week nationally and within the Commonwealth relating to the coronavirus.

KBC is working diligently to ensure all of our hospitals have the lifesaving blood products required to treat their patients as blood donations begin to decrease.

We are seeing a dramatic increase in blood drive cancellations due to COVID-19 related concerns and are attempting to replace these blood drives (and associated units) as soon as possible. The majority of whole blood collected nationally comes from high school and college blood drives, which are now being canceled at an unprecedented rate throughout the country and here in the Commonwealth.

With this in mind it is possible your orders for blood products will not be fully filled for the foreseeable future and your product profiles will be below normal levels until the COVID-19 pandemic resolves.

You have our commitment that we are doing everything possible to ensure any service disruptions are minimized given the threat the coronavirus poses to all of us.

As always, patient care and safety of the blood supply are top priorities for KBC. The blood supply has never been safer and COVID-19 is not known to be transmitted through blood transfusion.

Please call us at any time to discuss specific patient product needs.