

## ***Must have 30 participants for a 2019 Kent County Blood Drive***

Kent County employees are annually asked to roll up their sleeves and support the community by participating in a blood drive for the Blood Bank of Delmarva held at the Administrative Complex.

Unfortunately, only 12 employees/family members participated in 2018 – which is not enough to support the logistical and administrative expense associated with a blood drive according to the Blood Bank.

The 2019 Kent County Blood Drive is tentatively scheduled for September 20, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Room 220 of the Kent County Administrative Complex - if at least 30 employees sign up in advance.



Please contact Evelyn Jopp in the Personnel Office at (302) 744-2310 to sign up by **April 30**, so the date can be reserved with the Blood Bank Coordinator. If the 30 appointments are not confirmed by that date, the event must be cancelled.

It takes at least 350 donors per day to supply the 19 local hospitals throughout the Delmarva Peninsula with the blood they need for patients. And in order to maintain a safe blood supply, a seven-day inventory of all blood types must be continually replenished.

Giving one hour of your time can help save a life in your community. So many people can be assisted with your gift of time and blood. About one in seven hospital admissions requires a blood transfusion. Those in need include cancer patients, accident, burn, or trauma victims, newborn babies and their mothers, transplant recipients, surgery patients, and many more. Your one pint of blood can save up to three lives.

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