You should NOT donate today if you are not feeling well.

Blood donors are NOT tested for coronavirus.

You should NOT donate today if in the last 2 weeks you:

• Had symptoms from a lab-diagnosed or suspected COVID-19 infection and have not had a subsequently negative nasopharyngeal swab test result

• Have lived with or been in close contact with individuals diagnosed with or suspected of having COVID-19 infection

• Are a health care worker who has been caring for a patient diagnosed with or suspected of having COVID-19 and have not consistently been able to use recommended personal protective equipment (face mask, gown and gloves)

• Have a pending COVID-19 test

What are COVID-19 and its symptoms?

COVID-19 is the disease caused by the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus responsible for an outbreak of a respiratory illness first detected in China. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has listed several classical symptoms of COVID-19 infection which include:

• Fever
• Cough
• Shortness of breath
• Muscle pains
• Chills
• Sudden loss of taste or smell

How is SARS-CoV-2 transmitted?

• Person-to-person transmission occurs like the spread of the flu (influenza)
• When an infected person coughs or sneezes, fluid droplets from the nose and mouth enter the air and settle on surfaces; live virus in these droplets can infect others who touch their eyes, nose or mouth