

# Red Cross Report on Blood Donation: “COVID-19 Vaccine Blood Donation Guide for Donors”

Antibodies from Vaccine and Natural Immunity Are Not the Same. Vaccinees Cannot Donate Convalescent Plasma.

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*The WayBack Machine at [archive.org](#) contains a snapshot from June 12, 2021 of the official Red Cross manual entitled, “COVID-19 Vaccine Blood Donation Guide for Donors”*

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Here is what the manual says:

“If you receive any type of COVID vaccine, you are not eligible to donate convalescent plasma.”

“One of the Red Cross requirements for plasma from routine blood and platelet donations that test positive for high-levels of antibodies to be used as convalescent plasma is that it must be from a donor that has not received a COVID-19 vaccine. This is to ensure that antibodies collected from donors have sufficient antibodies directly related to their immune response to a COVID-19 infection and not just the vaccine, as antibodies from an infection and antibodies from a vaccine are not the same.”

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