#ItsMyTurn: IgNS Plasma Donation Initiative

During this unprecedented time of fear and uncertainty, we witness daily the incredible sacrifices of healthcare professionals, EMS, military, police officers, and others working tirelessly to keep patients healthy and save lives. We have witnessed people coming together to support each other in any way possible, around the globe. This has become increasingly difficult with many cities, states, and whole countries in lockdown, and all of us practicing social distancing to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Plasma donations have declined during this time of social distancing. What does this mean? It is critical to keep a steady flow of plasma to make the plasma proteins therapies that patients need to stay healthy. Without plasma donors, access to products may become more difficult in the year to come.

We Must Ask Ourselves:

What can I do? How can I help?

The Answer is Simple:

Spread the word. Mobilize your “ItsMyTurn” Community”: family, friends, neighbors, coworkers, and anyone else you know to become a qualified plasma donor.

Here’s how. Ask your “ItsMyTurn Community” to:

1. Find their nearest Plasma Donation Center and donate!
2. Take a photo. Post on social media using #ItsMyTurn and #IgNS hashtags
3. Tag others to donate. Tell a story. Who are you donating for?
# ItsMyTurn FAQ

**Are Plasma Donation Centers Open?**

Yes. The Department of Homeland Security considers plasma donation center and their workers a part of the “critical infrastructure industry” which means plasma donation centers are open and accepting donations.

**Is it safe to visit and donate at plasma donation centers?**

Yes. Plasma donation centers are safe, and follow rigorous federal, state, and industry safety standards. [Read more here](#) and [here](#). Make sure your family, friends, etc. call ahead to their plasma donation center to ask about safety measure in place for COVID-19 infection prevention.

**Is it a concern that a donor may have been exposed to COVID-19? Could I harm a patient unknowingly?**

The plasma supply is safe. Rigorous donor screening procedures are the mainstay of plasma collection. Additional screening procedures have been implemented due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Careful donor screening is just the beginning. Manufacturing of plasma derived therapies employs state of the art processes to ensure safety of these products. COVID-19 is highly susceptible to viral inactivation and removal processes currently employed by plasma protein product manufacturers. These processes include the use of solvent/detergent treatment, caprylate, nanofiltration, pasteurization, and other dedicated viral inactivation and removal steps. [Read more](#)

**How can I find a plasma donation center near me?**

4. Donations centers are located throughout the US. To find one nearest you, visit [DonatingPlasma.org](#).

*Plasma donations are needed now! Spread the word today to keep the plasma source flowing for tomorrow.*