

Weather Causes Shortfall In Blood Donations

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The American Red Cross is asking all eligible blood and platelet donors to help offset a weather-related shortfall in donations.



Approximately 300 blood drives across 25 states were canceled across the U.S. due to snow and extreme cold. The blood drive cancellations resulted in a shortfall of nearly 8, 800 blood and platelet donations since January 2nd.

In the Missouri-Illinois Blood Services Region, severe winter weather forced the cancellation of nearly 30 Red Cross blood drives, resulting in about 875 fewer than expected blood donations over the past five days.