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August Blood Drives Scheduled

(KLZA)-- The American Red Cross encourages all eligible blood donors to make an appointment to donate blood soon to help prevent a shortage.

During the summer months, on average, about two fewer donors give blood at each Red Cross blood drive than what is needed to meet the needs of patients. Vacations and summer activities are among the reasons regular donors may not find the time to give. But, patients don't get a vacation from needing blood – the need is constant.

Red blood cells have a shelf life of only 42 days and platelets just five days, so they must constantly be replenished.

To learn more and make an appointment to donate blood, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities:

Nemaha County

August 14 from 1 - 7 p.m. at Johnson Brock Schools, 310 Main St. in Johnson

Otoe County

August 5 from 11:15 a.m.- 5:15 p.m. at Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, 1162 Mohawk in Syracuse.

Pawnee County

August 14 from 10:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. at Methodist Church, 849 F St. in Pawnee City

Richardson County

August 1 from 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. at Prichard Auditorium, 312 W. 17th St. in Falls City

August 13 from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. at HTRS High School, 810 Central Ave. in Humboldt.

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