

## MEMORANDUM

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I am pleased to announce the WEBINAR on “Maintaining blood supply and safety and collecting convalescent plasma during the COVID-19 pandemic: WHO perspectives and actions in blood establishments”, that will be held on 27 May 2020. The Webinar will be conducted in two sessions: one in the morning from 9:00 to 12:10 CET and one in the afternoon from 15:00 – 17:10 CET, to accommodate audiences from all regions (see the attached flyer for more details).

The webinar is organized by Blood and other Products of Human Origin (BTT), Technical Standards and Specifications (TSS) Unit, Health Products Policy and Standard Department, WHO headquarters.

We have developed the above-mentioned theme to raise awareness about ensuring blood supply and safety, even during emergency situations such as the current COVID-19 pandemic. Moreover, collection and use of COVID-19 Convalescent Plasma (CP) will also be presented to address current situation where more and more countries are conducting clinical trials on COVID-19 CP use for treatment.

I would welcome your support in encouraging WHO Country Offices, national health authorities, blood transfusion services, and nongovernmental organizations in your region to join the Webinar.

Dr Clive Ondari

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