



Halacha Guidelines for plasma/antibody donors

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Erev Yom Tov Sheini

This morning I spoke with Rav Reuvein Feinstein Shlita and with the infectious disease specialist who has been guiding us throughout.

Going into YT Sheini, these are the guidelines.

If you are donating plasma which is designated for a specific choleh, you may drive to donate. You may also drive back, unless it is a brief period until motzei YT/Shabbos, in which case you should wait - in your car, if need be. There are circumstances where donation to a designated choleh requires us to provide numerous donors. This too may be done.

It is important to point out that the preliminary information indicates that the earlier a patient receives the plasma, the more likely it is that he will recover, be"h. Therefore, we should not be delaying.

If you are donating to a hospital or to the NY Blood Bank (& are not donating for a designated recipient) - on YT Rishon, you should avoid melachah d'oraysa and have a non-Jew drive you both ways. Reimbursement for this expense is available. You may leave your phone on to receive information regarding your appointment and to reply. Please note - when donor slots can be filled by the hospital bank or blood bank, from non jewish sources, we will not schedule you for YT or Shabbos. At the moment, our community is uniquely organized to fill these donor slots.

On YT Sheini - one may drive to donate, even to the blood bank/hospital bank. He may return as well, unless it is a brief period until motzei YT in which case you should wait - in your car, if need be. Despite this heter, we are attempting to use non Jewish drivers on YT Sheini as well. Even if it involves a phone call or Uber message, this is preferable to actually driving.

When traveling with a car service - You should wear a mask & gloves anytime you venture out, but certainly in a car service vehicle. If you are a donor, you've had Covid and have developed some level of immunity. Still, the data on this is incomplete and you should avoid taking chances.

Stay well! Wishing all a Good Yom Tov and davening for besuros tovos from all our many cholim.

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