

PLASMA DONORS ARE ESSENTIAL AS PART OF THE “CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE INDUSTRY”

To Whom it May Concern:

Grifols operates a network of blood plasma donor centers under the names Biomat USA, Inc., Biotest Pharmaceuticals Corporation (BPC), Interstate Blood Bank, Inc. (IBBI), and Talecris Plasma Resources, Inc. (TPR). These centers and their donors are considered part of the “**critical infrastructure industry**” according to the President’s Coronavirus Guidelines for America which state: “If you work in a critical infrastructure industry, as defined by the Department of Homeland Security, such as healthcare services and pharmaceutical and food supply, you have a special responsibility to maintain your normal work schedule.”

Plasma, a portion of human blood, is donated at Grifols’ plasma donor centers and is then used to manufacture lifesaving medicines (including for immunocompromised individuals). Therefore, these centers, including their employees and donors, are within the category of essential, critical infrastructure (healthcare and pharmaceutical supply) that is exempted from general lockdown or closure pursuant to the President’s Coronavirus Guidelines and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Employees traveling to and from our facilities and carrying a Grifols Identification Badge are performing essential travel duties to and from the plasma donor centers in the performance of their critical and essential work activities. Likewise, donors traveling to and from our facilities and carrying a Grifols Donor Payment Card are performing essential travel duties to and from the plasma donor centers to donate plasma.

Grifols centers have implemented mitigation strategies and procedures that align with recent guidance/orders from local, state, and federal authorities (including shelter in place and related orders) developed to control the spread of COVID-19 while maintaining critical and essential services. These include social distancing and decreasing donor congregation, enhancing existing cleaning protocols, monitoring employee and donor temperatures, and following guidelines on hand hygiene.

We will continue to closely monitor the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and will continue to follow the guidance that is communicated by the health authorities. The health and safety of all of our employees and donors is Grifols’ top priority.

For Law Enforcement Officers that have any further questions relating to this subject matter, please contact Simon Manoucherian at (323) 227-7685 or Vlasta Hakes at (202) 293-1506.

For Donors, please contact your local plasma donation center at grifolsplasma.com.

Thank you.

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Enclosure (2):

1. [The President’s Coronavirus Guidelines for America](#)
2. [US Department of Homeland Security Memorandum on Identification of Essential Critical Infrastructure Works during COVID-19 Response](#)