

VITALANT BLOOD SERVICES

Vitalant, formerly United Blood Services, is in desperate need of blood donations. It has established two ways to donate blood. Listed below are the locations and procedures they have established:

1. The Vitalant Center in McAllen, located at 1400 S. 6th St., is open.
 - They prefer appointments but are accepting walk-ins.
Most people showing up are walk-ins.
Contact number is (956) 213-7500.
 - Donors are to check-in at the window
 - Donors will be screened via temperature and questionnaire.
 - In order to avoid mass gatherings, donors are told to wait in their vehicles and a text will be sent when it is their turn.

2. The Vitalant Bus bank is going around local communities and setting up where they are allowed or requested.
 - Today, Wednesday, March 25, 2020 the bus bank will be in the City of Weslaco
 - They require restrooms be available to staff and donors.
 - Appointments are preferred.
Contact number is (956) 213-7500.
 - Most are walk-ins.
 - In order to avoid mass gatherings, the same procedure noted above is being followed.
 - The bus allows 5 donors but only 2 are allowed to donate at a time to establish distancing.
 - Donors will be screened via temperature and questionnaire.