

## Red Cross Report on Blood Donation: “COVID-19 Vaccine Blood Donation Guide for Donors”

Antibodies from Vaccine and Natural Immunity Are Not the Same. Vaccinees Cannot Donate Convalescent Plasma.

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The WayBack Machine at [archive.org](http://archive.org) contains a snapshot from June 12, 2021 of the official Red Cross manual entitled, “COVID-19 Vaccine Blood Donation Guide for Donors”

See [this](#) and [this](#).

Here is what the manual says:

“If you receive any type of COVID vaccine, you are not eligible to donate convalescent plasma.”

**“One of the Red Cross requirements for plasma from routine blood and platelet donations that test positive for high-levels of antibodies to be used as convalescent plasma is that it must be from a donor that has not received a COVID-19 vaccine.** This is to ensure that antibodies collected from donors have sufficient antibodies directly related to their immune response to a COVID-19 infection and not just the vaccine, **as antibodies from an infection and antibodies from a vaccine are not the same.**”

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