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CGH Partners with Mayo Clinic to Test and Use Convalescent Plasma Treatment on COVID Patients

The entire blood community is working closely with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to begin collecting and distributing convalescent plasma (CP) - a component of blood from individuals who have recovered from COVID-19.

While COVID-19 currently has no proven treatment, it is possible that CP that contains antibodies to SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19) may provide passive immunity to certain patients with severe forms of COVID-19. To give our COVID patients the best possible chance of recovery, CGH Medical Center has partnered closely with Mayo Clinic to help with the testing and research of CP.



"Convalescent plasma is similar to a blood donation that is taken from someone who has tested positive for COVID-19," said Dr. Eric Kuhns, CGH Family Medicine and CGH Department of Medicine Chair. "The antibodies that they have made to fight their own virus are separated out in the plasma and given to another patient. Throughout history, this technique has been used in other diseases very effectively, and it looks very promising with COVID-19 as well."

"We're doing things here at CGH that would otherwise be done at research hospitals, and we are seeing some early exciting results," continued Dr. Kuhns. "It's very exciting to not only be a part of the treatment side of this study, but to also be a part of the research side, where we report back to Mayo Clinic on how our patients are doing and how they reacted to CP treatment. This is how science works, and we're very honored to be a part of this process."

If you or a loved one has recovered from COVID-19, and are 17 years of age or older, you can help give others a fighting chance by donating convalescent plasma:

- Individuals who have been diagnosed with COVID-19, which was confirmed with a positive laboratory test, may be eligible to donate 28 days after complete resolution of their symptoms. They will need a note from their treating physician indicating the date of testing.
- For individuals with a confirmed diagnosis but whose symptoms completely resolved between 14 and 28 days prior, a negative follow-up COVID-19 test will be needed before donation.
- For individuals who were diagnosed but did not get a confirmatory test, blood tests may be done to confirm their blood contains antibodies to SARS-CoV-2 before donation.

For individuals meeting the above criteria of recovery from COVID-19, the donor center will further evaluate eligibility for donation which might include additional prescreen blood testing as well as routine donor screening. To be eligible to donate convalescent plasma, donors must meet all regular blood donor requirements.

For questions, more information, or for individuals who have had a confirmed case of COVID-19 and have since experienced a full recovery, please contact the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center to determine your eligibility for plasma donation. They can be reached by calling 833-610-1025, emailing patientservices@mvrbc.org, or visiting www.bloodcenter.org.

National EMS Week: May 17-23

Happy EMS Week!

This year's National EMS Week celebration comes during an unprecedented time when Emergency Medical Service crews around the world have been asked to expose themselves to a risk that has never been seen before. Throughout it all, CGH EMS – along with all of our area EMS departments – continue to provide unparalleled service and care to our residents and our communities. We take this opportunity to thank our EMS professionals for their hard work and dedication to CGH Medical Center! You do an outstanding job day in and day out, and it does not go unnoticed!



May New Employees

Melissa Cox, HUC-CNA, Medical

Allison Crawford, Phlebotomist, Lab

Susan Dean, Receptionist, Cardiology - Sterling

Allyson Fillion, EMT

Robert Force, Pharmacy Tech

Danielle Grobe, RN, ACS

Victoria Haag, RN, ACS

Dakota Huene, Pharmacist

Cindy Kevern, OR Assistant Manager

Ashley Kuhn, CNA, Medical

Emma Krull, Float, Hospital

Abigail McCormick, Food & Nutrition Assistant

Kailey Mitchell, Housekeeper

Marissa Perez, Phlebotomist, Lab

Alaina Schreiner, Food & Nutrition Assistant

Asia Thompson, HUC-CNA, ED

Alexey Wolfe, RN, ACS

Carol Wright, Phlebotomist, Lab

Caring Cart Delivers Snacks



To help give our hardworking CGH staff members a bit of a relaxing break, the CGH Caring Fund and the CGH Health Foundation have teamed up to create the "Caring Cart".

The cart is currently transported throughout the hospital and Main Clinic once per week, and delivers complimentary snacks (such as granola bars, fresh fruit and peanuts) as well as personal hand sanitizers and other giveaways. **Continued thanks to all of our staff who have worked around the clock during this crisis!**

CGH Angels



In the May 7 Communique, we published a thank you from Nancy Lauritzen. The above picture includes some of Nancy's angels. From L-R, Jill Gonigam, RN; Rod Miniell, MT; Christy Quinn, RN; Nancy Lauritzen, RN; Alison Whittenauer, RN; Rhonda Miller, RN; Dawn Hartman, RN

Not Pictured: Dr. Maurice Binns, April Fischer, NP, & Karen Dever, LPN

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& ASSOCIATES PC
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Congratulations to Our Student Nursing Graduates!

Due to COVID-19, many of our nurses graduating with advanced degrees won't be able to have a graduation ceremony this year. On May 11 CGH Medical Center honored these graduates with a special badge ceremony. Please join us as we take this time to celebrate the Class of 2020! The online virtual ceremony will be released soon!



Anna Austin
RN from SVCC
Float
Future: RN @ CGH



Alyssa Canales
RN from SVCC
Float
Future: RN @ CGH



Michaela Delgado
RN from SVCC
ED
Future: RN @ CGH



Stephanie Friedrich
RN from SVCC
ED
Future: RN @ CGH



Shannon Gipe
RN from SVCC
DHC
Future: RN @ CGH



Jenna Harris
RN from SVCC
Surgical
Future: RN @ CGH



Erika Heaton
LPN from SVCC
Family Medicine
Future: LPN @ CGH



Holly Hilty
RN from SVCC
Float
Future: RN @ KSB



Kayla Jackley
RN from SVCC
Medical
Future: RN @ CGH



Billie Kaprelian
RN from SVCC
OB/GYN
Future: RN @ Main Clinic



Ashley Kuhn
RN from SVCC
Medical
Future: RN @ CGH



Amy Marcinkiewicz
RN from SVCC
Cath Lab
Future: RN @ CGH



Ashley McPhillips
RN from Blackhawk
EKG Tech
Future: RN @ Trinity



Tara Olsen
RN from SVCC
Pharmacy Tech
Future: RN @ CGH



Cameron Ottens
LPN from SVCC
Family Medicine
Future: LPN @ CGH



Katyn Parrott
RN from SVCC
Float
Future: RN @ CGH



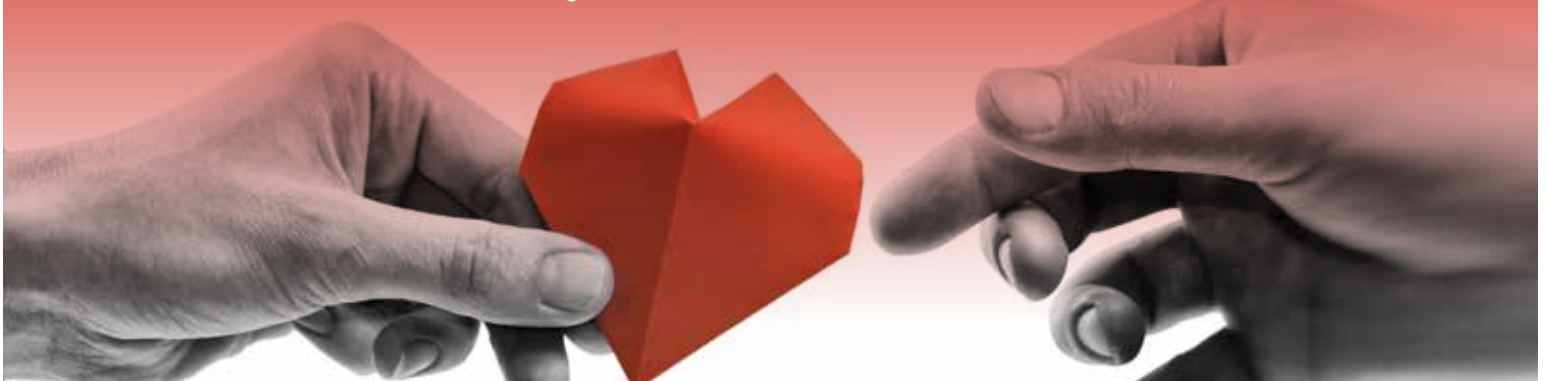
Elizabeth Schmidt
RN from SVCC
ED
Future: RN @ CGH



Emily Shearer
RN from SVCC
Surgical
Future: RN @ Rockford



You've Got a Friend!



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June Birthdays

1 Eric Behrens	16 Elizabeth Vandersnick
1 Denise Johnson	17 Thomas Sweeney
1 Dianna Johnston	18 Cindy Eaglin
1 Kathy McCarty	18 Cynthia Kyarsgaard
1 Morgan Pope	18 Marla Lund
1 Kara Robinson	18 Tresa Mackey
2 Jason Hemmer	18 Randi Sturtevant
2 Julie Huennekens	18 Jeffrey Wadsworth
3 Alyssa Bohms	19 Shawn Hanlon
3 Michael Massey	19 Shannon Hauser
3 Stacey Roberts	19 Jennifer McCallister
3 Caitlin Seeley	20 Cheryl Baker
4 Nicole Dowdy	20 Christopher Benson
4 Theresa Krueger	20 Julie Cox
4 Danielle Miller	20 Sarah Deter
4 Jeanne Robertson	20 Gretchen Foust
4 Carly Schaab	20 Desirae Landsee
5 Edwin Adami Jr	20 Vicki Neubauer
5 Kathleen Ivey	20 Andrea Niccoli
5 Stephanie Janssen	20 Deborah Osborn
6 Tonya Clayton	20 John Park
6 Laura Hawk	20 Corrina Richards
6 Sandra Hobbs	21 Lauren Cecchetti
6 Joann Mandrell	21 Donna Cook
6 Venus Schilpp	21 Robert Henson
6 Darci Schmitt	21 Dawn Scoles
6 Gayle Wright	22 Melinda Cadogan
7 Kami Shank	22 Bryanna Flynn
7 Kim Treviranus	22 Gregory Hepner
7 Susan Volz	22 Leslie Hinrichs
8 Rachel Hallstrom	22 Leah Weaver
8 Kimberly Reinhardt	22 Esther Whiles
9 Staci Drosopoulos	23 Mallory Dewald
9 Aubrie Kindle	23 Amy Gutierrez
9 Rebecca Tieman	23 Emma Krull
9 Maria Vargas	24 Gina Brands
10 Mary Bender	24 Jeff Dyke
10 Maria Castro De Garcia	24 Mary Lott
10 William Friedrich	25 Linda Bell
10 Lina Guerrero	25 Matthew Dingus
10 Kathleen Knapp	25 Miranda Lauritzen
10 Kyle Pletsch	25 Brenda Pettorini
11 Kip Aitken	25 Betty Sensenig
11 Katherine Dempsey	26 Michelle Franks
11 Elizabeth Senneff	26 Rebekah Gravila
12 Justin Cramer	26 Cari Magana
12 Tina Dillon	26 Rhonda Miller
12 Ginger Lane	26 Steve Temple
12 Shanna Mooney	27 Andrew Gee
12 Erin Phalen	27 Lindsay Howard
12 Laura Stoudt	28 Thomas Kurian
12 Brenda Van Horn	28 Meredith Pope
13 Angela Chavira	28 Haley Sibley
13 Edita Danaiaata	29 Diane Ebersole
13 Marcia Jones	29 Lisa Garcia
13 Kristy Murphy	29 Madison Korstick
13 Elizabeth Schmidt	29 Jessica Null
13 Jennifer Sheaffer	29 Melissa Olalde
14 Michele Cox	29 Michelle Pratt
14 Mark Crownhart	29 Barry Stevens
15 Richard Frey Jr	29 Richard Styczynski
15 Josephine Hale	29 Denise Warner
15 Kailey Mitchell	30 Miranda Benavidez
16 Kerensa Pink	30 Mindy Billings
	30 Kristi Wolfe

Graduation Announcements

Do you have a special graduate you would like to honor? We will again put together a special "Graduation Insert" in the June 18 issue of the *Communique* and are accepting graduation announcements.



Please submit the following to Nicole Bollman in Marketing:

- Name(s) of your graduates – again this year we will ONLY be listing **immediate family members** (self, spouse and children) from High School, college and beyond. We will not be listing preschool, kindergarten and eighth grade graduations due to space limitations.
- The name of the high school or college they are graduating from and with what degree (if applicable)
- The names of the graduate's parents, and what department you work in.

SUMMER BLOOD DRIVE

CGH Medical Center

Thursday, June 4

9:30 am to 7:00 pm

In the Ryberg Auditorium
(100 E. LeFevre Rd., Sterling)

Call Michelle or Jill at 815-625-0400
(x6879 for Michelle or x5425 for Jill)

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