



## MISSISSIPPI BLOOD SERVICES AT A GLANCE

Mississippi Blood Services (MBS), a not-for-profit blood service provider, is the only FDA licensed blood center headquartered in Mississippi. Founded in 1979 to create and manage our state's blood supply, our mission is to collect, process and provide a safe and adequate supply of voluntarily donated blood and blood components for patients in hospitals, and to offer related services to our hospitals and other medical facilities.

- MBS provides 50 hospitals across the state.
- MBS makes donating convenient by operating from seven (7) drawing centers, and having collection centers in Flowood, Oxford and Cleveland.
- MBS has a fleet of mobile coaches and staff that sets up between five to seven blood drives daily at various businesses, places of worship, schools, shopping sites and neighborhoods across the state.
- MBS offers more than just blood and blood products to our hospital partners:
  - Our state-of-the-art facility in Flowood is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days of the year and works with other blood centers across the nation.
  - MBS employs a team of drivers who are on schedule at all times and are ready to deliver blood to any part of the state at a moment's notice.
  - MBS lab personnel are trained to help with cross-matching, answering transfusion questions, and giving support to our hospital partners.
- MBS has partnered with the Rural Emergency Services Care Blood Utilization and Survival (RESCUE) Program to provide critical pre-hospital care to ambulances in rural areas of Mississippi, and as a result, has helped save lives in rural parts of Mississippi.
- MBS is working with 150+ high schools throughout the state to educate and encourage blood donations from the younger generation. In conjunction with this partnership, schools who host drives are eligible for the MS Blood Services' High School Blood Drive Grant Program. If schools meet the qualifying criteria, they can receive funds up to \$2,000 or more.

### Be a Hero in Your Community – Host a Blood Drive

Hosting a blood drive is a powerful way to support local hospitals and help save lives. Whether you're part of a business, school, place of worship, or civic group, you can make a real difference.

**Partnering with MBS is simple** — we provide everything you need, including trained staff, equipment, promotional materials, and full support from start to finish.

**Ready to make a difference?** Call (888) 90-BLOOD or visit [msblood.com/host-a-blood-drive](https://msblood.com/host-a-blood-drive) to get started.



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