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Southeast Georgia Health System Hosts American Red Cross Blood Drive March 26

BRUNSWICK, Georgia: March 12, 2021 – A year ago, many things were put on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic. But the need for blood never stopped. Today, blood donations are just as essential, and the American Red Cross is urging healthy individuals to donate blood.

For patients in the emergency room, fighting cancer or coping with a life-threatening illness, help can't wait. Their health is reliant on the selfless generosity of blood donors. However, the blood supply continues to face challenges from the ongoing pandemic and extreme winter weather that impacted much of the U.S. last month.

To help fill the need, Southeast Georgia Health System will host an American Red Cross blood drive on **Friday, March 26, 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.**, in the Kemble Conference Room, 3011 Kemble Avenue, adjacent to the Brunswick Campus. Social distancing protocols will be implemented and face masks will be required.

More donors, especially those with type O blood, are needed to ensure lifesaving blood products are available for emergencies and everyday medical treatments. Individuals who would like to donate are asked to make an appointment online at redcrossblood.org and enter “**sghsys**” to schedule an appointment, or call **800-RED-CROSS (800-733-2767)**.

Donors can save up to 15 minutes at the blood drive by reading and completing the RapidPass® pre-donation health history questionnaire. To complete a RapidPass®, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

ABOUT SOUTHEAST GEORGIA HEALTH SYSTEM

Southeast Georgia Health System is a not-for-profit health system comprised of two acute care hospitals, two long term care facilities, two comprehensive Cancer Care Centers and multiple specialty care centers, including orthopaedic and spine care, joint replacement, breast care, maternity, outpatient rehabilitation, sleep management and wound care. The Brunswick Campus Cancer Care Center is accredited by the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer and offers the only CyberKnife® M6 with MLC technology in Georgia. In 2020, the Brunswick Campus was rated High Performing in COPD and Heart Failure by the U.S. News & World Report. For more information, visit sghs.org.

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