

Blood Donor Parent/Guardian Consent Form For 16-year olds

Your son/daughter has expressed an interest in donating blood. Because one blood donation can be separated into three components, your child has the potential to save three lives with a single donation. We hope that you support and encourage your child's decision to donate blood. He or she is showing civic responsibility, maturity and a sense of community pride by donating blood.

Blood donation is a safe procedure using single use sterile supplies, but reactions such as lightheadedness, fainting, bruising or nerve injury occasionally occur. Drinking plenty of fluids and eating well before donating can reduce donor reactions. Donors using automated technology may experience tingling of the fingers and around the mouth that is caused by citrate, a substance used to keep blood from clotting in the machine. Infrequently, muscle spasms can also occur. Very rarely, a donor using automated may develop decreased calcium levels (hypocalcemia) or an irregular heartbeat from citrate. Our staff is trained to recognize and manage such reactions.

State law requires written consent by parent or guardian for 16-year olds to donate blood. In addition to this consent, Central Jersey Blood Center requires a consent for donations made using automated technology. Therefore, all 16 year old donors using automated technology will need to provide **two** consents prior to their donation. In addition, if donating at a high school blood drive, some schools require similar consent even for older students.*

**By New Jersey State law persons 17 years of age or older may donate without consent of parents or guardians, (unless required by your high school's principal).*

If you consent to your son/daughter donating, please complete the consent form at the bottom of this page.

All blood donations are screened for several blood borne diseases. You will be notified if your 16-year old child's donation tests positive for these diseases. In that case, your child may be contacted for follow-up testing. Donors with positive test results are placed on a deferral list and the blood is not used for treatment or care purposes. Positive test results and the donor's name are reported to health agencies as required by law. In some instances, such as when an insufficient amount of blood is collected, testing for infectious diseases may not be possible.

If you have any questions regarding your child's decision, please call 732-842-5750 extension 262

Please fill out bottom half of form and return only the bottom portion. Keep the top for your records.

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Please use Blue or Black ink to complete this form

I give permission/consent for _____, my son/daughter or ward, to make a voluntary donation of blood to Central Jersey Blood Center. An additional consent is required for donations made using automated technology.

Central Jersey Blood Center will notify both my 16-year old child and me if my child receives positive test result(s) for certain Blood borne diseases and my child may be contacted for follow-up testing. If tests are confirmed positive for HIV, hepatitis or Syphilis (or other diseases as may be required by law or regulation), my child's name will be reported to the Department of Health.

A signed consent of parent/guardian is required for each donation until the donor reaches the age of 17.

Parent/Guardian Name (print) _____ Date _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone Number (____) _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

I confirm that the consent given based on the above signature is that of my parent/legal guardian. I have read all information in this form and agree to parental/guardian test notification.

Signature of Donor _____ Date _____