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Situation Update - Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Dear colleague,

We are now publishing our red blood cell stock levels on the Hospitals and Science website. The [coronavirus-covid-19 page](#) also provides information and updates to help clinical and laboratory staff manage the impact of the virus.

We remain in a good position with our stock of blood components and will alert you should this position change.

To help ensure we are able to meet the demand for O D negative red cells, we would be grateful for your ongoing support in limiting the ordering of O D negative red blood cells unless clinically indicated.

Unfortunately, the current level of requests for K negative red blood cells is not sustainable. Please only specify K negative when clinically required. We'd like to thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards

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