

# AIPNO with Sewa International Launches 24/7 COVID-19 Convalescent Blood Plasma Registry for Northeastern Ohio

The Association of Indian Physicians of Northern Ohio (AIPNO) is PROUD to have a collaboration with Sewa International to launch a COVID-19 Convalescent Blood Plasma Registry for Northeast Ohio ([www.sewacovidplasma.org](http://www.sewacovidplasma.org)), the 24/7 service that offers a national registry for both donors and recipients under the Convalescent Plasma Therapy program with live phone and social media support. The Convalescent COVID-19 Plasma Therapy is an FDA regulated investigational therapy where plasma collected from eligible Donors is used as therapy for a restricted class of Recipient Patients, both of whom have compatible blood type.

A donor is defined as:

1. Male or a non-pregnant female
2. No prior history of Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, HIV, or intravenous drug use
3. And COVID-19 survivor with either one of the following:
  - a. Complete resolution of symptoms at least 28 days prior to donationOR
  - b. Complete resolution of symptoms at least 14 days prior to donation, AND Negative results for COVID-19 either from one or more nasopharyngeal swab specimens or by a molecular diagnostic test from blood.

The recipient is a COVID-19 patient who is acutely ill with respiratory failure deemed to benefit with this therapy after discussion with their physician. We have worked with Sewa's registry to be mobile enabled, fully functional, self-registry service with 24/7 live phone and email support that offers both pre-screening and donor-patient matching services.

The registry includes status updates and email communication with an automatic status change intimation. Run by a dedicated team of Sewa and AIPNO volunteers, the services adhere to HIPPA medical data protection laws, and protects the privacy and confidentiality of the registered users (donors and recipients). "A dedicated group of physicians and technologists designed and developed this registry rapidly because they saw the urgent need for such a service nationwide," said Prem Pusuloori, Sewa Director of National & International Programs.

Users of the registry can call (302) 659 - SEWA / (302) 659 - 7392 or contact via email: [plasma-support@sewausa.org](mailto:plasma-support@sewausa.org).

"Our mission is to bring together matching blood donors and COVID-19 patients seeking the plasma in-time and save lives, and we are open round-the-clock to serve"

For any help and support for the Greater Cleveland community, please do not hesitate to contact Sewa and the AIPNO executive committee.

All should be helped and one in need should be helped with 100 times the enthusiasm — being aware of privilege, one becomes an advocate of spreading the same privilege.

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