

STUDENT AFFAIRS OP 91.300: Blood Procurement

Date: September 27, 2011

Purpose

To provide consistent guidelines to allow blood service organizations access to a safe, healthy, and large population of blood donors while protecting the donor population from excessive blood drives that curb the willingness to donate.

Policy

All blood drives on the Mississippi State University campus must be approved by the Director of the Longest Student Health Center and the Dean of Students.

Procedure

1. Blood procurement will be allowed for any volunteer blood service organization licensed in the State of Mississippi, provided such blood service organization operates within the procedures and guidelines of Mississippi State University. The guidelines are established by the Longest Student Health Center and are designed to allow blood service organizations access to a safe, healthy, and large population of blood donors, while protecting the donor population from excessive blood drives that curb the willingness to donate. Blood drives must be registered by completing a Student Activity Form available online at <http://www.students.msstate.edu/pdf/activityform.pdf>.
2. All blood drives must be approved in writing on the form prior to any advertising, by the Director of the Longest Student Health Center and the Dean of Students Office.
3. Mississippi State University controls the frequency, time, and location of all blood drives. Blood procurement will be limited to a total of ten (10) scheduled drives during fall semester (limited to two each month August, September, October, November and December on a first-come, first-served basis) and ten (10) scheduled drives during the spring semester (limited to one each month January, February, March, April, and May on a first-come, first-served basis).
4. Each campus blood drive will be limited to one day between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.
5. Each blood service may draw no more than 750 units per calendar year.
6. If a special need drive occurs, and if the drive is approved, the requesting service will conduct it, and the blood drawn will be debited against its 750 units per calendar year.
7. Presence of the blood service on MSU campus is at the sole discretion of the university and the sponsoring MSU organization or department. Any blood service not following the policies of MSU will be prohibited from drawing blood on campus for a period of time determined by the university.
8. All blood drives will follow currently established guidelines for the care of Mississippi State University students, faculty, and staff.

The blood service will assume responsibility for any debts incurred at the Longest Student Health Center or Oktibbeha County Hospital for any untoward effects of phlebotomy.

Review

The Vice President for Student Affairs is responsible for the review of this operating policy every four years or as needed.

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THIS POLICY HAS BEEN SUPERSEDED