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EXPO New Mexico to Host Blood Drive Event

Today, Expo New Mexico officials announced a partnership and blood drive event with the non-profit group, Vitalant. As cases of COVID-19 continue to rise throughout the state and the nation, so has the demand for blood donors. Vitalant and EXPO New Mexico will host a blood donation event on the fairgrounds on Saturday, May 9, 2020. In order to ensure the health and well-being of those taking part in this event, Vitalant and EXPO will adhere to the established safety protocols outlined below:

- New Mexican's interested in donating blood are encouraged to make an appointment ahead of the donation event. Donors without appointments will not be turned away, however those with appointments will be given priority. Social distancing protocols will be enforced.
- All donors must wear face masks while attending the donation event and must provide their own masks.
- All donors must submit to a temperature reading test prior to entering the building.
- Donors are asked to arrive as close to their appointment time as possible to ensure social distancing guidelines are met. Those without appointments will be asked to wait in their vehicles until they are admitted into the building to donate.

The drive is scheduled to take place on Saturday, May 9 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm inside the African American Pavilion located on the southwest side of the campus. Donors are asked to park on the south end of the building and enter in through the south-facing doors at the time of their appointment.

"We are inspired by the outpouring of generosity and community support coming from all New Mexicans during this time," said General Manager Dan Mourning. "This is an opportunity for the people to step up and continue to support their fellow New Mexicans."

To register and make an appointment to donate, please call 246-1457 or visit vitalant.org.

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