

# Donate blood this Christmas and New Year holiday to beat winter shortage (with photo)

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

Please come and donate blood this Christmas and New Year holidays as your donations are needed more than ever to tackle the winter shortage in blood supply. Help us stock up the blood bank to support patients in need.

The cooler weather has reduced people's inclination to give blood. The Hong Kong Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service (BTS) recorded a low level of blood collection starting this winter, and the O+ blood type has been in acute inventory shortage since early December.

Cold weather during Christmas and New Year holidays will cause illness, putting even greater pressure on blood bank.

Most BTS' donor centres are open during the Christmas and New Year holidays. For further details please refer to the table below, or visit [www.ha.org.hk/rcbt](http://www.ha.org.hk/rcbt), or use the mobile app "HK Blood" or call 2710 1234.

As a token of thanks, all successful blood donors will receive an "I'm a Blood Donor" luggage scale while stock lasts.

Donate blood now!

Download "HK Blood" to locate your nearest donor centre:

iOS: [itunes.apple.com/hk/app/hk-blood/id1387423207?mt=8](https://itunes.apple.com/hk/app/hk-blood/id1387423207?mt=8)

Android: [play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=hk.org.ha.btsmapps&rdid=hk.org.ha.btsmapps](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=hk.org.ha.btsmapps&rdid=hk.org.ha.btsmapps)

Opening Hours of Donor Centres during Christmas & New Year Holidays:

	December 24	December 25	December 26	December 31	January 1
HK Island					
Causeway Bay	11am – 8pm	11am – 8pm	11am – 8pm	11am – 8pm	11am – 8pm
Central District	11am – 7pm	Closed	Closed	11am – 7pm	Closed
Kowloon					
Mong Kok	11am – 9.30pm	11am – 7pm	11am – 7pm	11am – 9.30pm	11am – 7pm

Kwun Tong	11am – 8pm	11am – 8pm	11am – 8pm	11am – 8pm	11am – 8pm
West Kowloon	9.30am – 6pm	9.30am – 6pm	9.30am – 6pm	9.30am – 6pm	9.30am – 6pm
Headquarters (King's Park)	9.30am – 4.30pm	Closed	Closed	9.30am – 4.30pm	Closed
Poly U	10am – 6pm	Closed	Closed	10am – 6pm	Closed
New Territories					
Tsuen Wan	11am – 8pm	11am – 8pm	11am – 8pm	11am – 8pm	11am – 8pm
Sha Tin	11am – 7pm	11am – 7pm	11am – 7pm	11am – 7pm	11am – 7pm
Yuen Long	11am – 7pm	11am – 7pm	11am – 7pm	11am – 7pm	11am – 7pm

