

SANBS, critical shortage of blood

It appears that November is going to prove to be a testing month – not just for pupils and students writing their matric and other end-of-year examinations, but also for the South African National Blood Service (SANBS), which is experiencing a critical shortage of blood because of the lack of blood drives it can hold at schools and universities.

There is a critical shortage of blood across the country, with blood stocks at just 1.5 days of group O stock, equating to 1 473 units as of 1 November. The situation in KwaZulu-Natal is particularly acute, with less than one day's supply of blood available. The blood supply in the province is currently at 0.7 days of stock (129 units), compared with a healthy blood stock for KZN of 500 units.

The Northern Zone only has 1.2 days of stock available and Gauteng only around 1.5 days. Blood stocks in the Free State/Northern Cape and

the Vaal are currently at 1.7 days. It is considered a crisis when blood stocks dip below two days of stock available.

"The situation has in fact reached a critical level in KwaZulu-Natal and we appeal to all South Africans – active donors, lapsed donors and potential donors – to go to their local donor centre and donate blood to bolster the national blood stock," says Silungile Mlambo, national marketing manager for the SANBS.

Mlambo says blood is critical for cancer patients and women in childbirth – who constitute by far the greatest groups of people requiring blood transfusions.

To find out more about donating blood and to locate your nearest SANBS donor centre, visit sanbs.org.za or call 0800 11 90 31.

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South African National Blood Service



RUSTENBURG EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

SAPS

Rtb Saps Community Service Centre: 014 590 4126/27/39

Rtb SAPS Radio Control Centre: 014 590 4115/6/7

SAPS Boitekong: 014 593/6001/6002/6003

SAPS Emergency No. (Cellphones only): 112

SAPS Marikana: 014 572 3100/43

SAPS Rtb: 014 590 4112

SAPS Thlabane: 014 565 9171/54/59

AMBULANCE

Ambulance / Metro Control Room: 014 597 6612

Ambulance / Metro Control Room (Provincial): 10177

MEDICAL EMERGENCY

Med 24/7 (Private): 014 592 7801

ER24: 084 124

NetCare 911: 082 911

Trauma Rescue:

014 594 0689 / 0861 789 911

Ferncrest Hospital (Emergencies): 014 568 4339/8

Peglerae Hospital (Casualties): 014 597 2823

HOSPITALS

Ferncrest Hospital: 014 568 4399

JST (Provincial Hospital): 014 590 5212 / 5100

La Femme Clinic: 014 594 9500

RusMed 24: 014 523 9378/9351

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CLEANING SERVICES 24/7

CIA Crime Incident Accident: 079 498 7606

FIRE

Fire Department: 014 590 3232

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RLM Emergencies (Fire): 014 590 3090

RTB LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

RLM Accounts Queries: 014 590 3508/ 3024

RLM Customer Care Supervisor: 014 590 3872

RLM Emergencies (Fire Dept.): 014 590 3090/3232

RLM Finance Call Centre: 014 590 3849/ 3865/3890/3024

RLM Switchboard: 014 590 3111

ALARMS

ADT (Control Room):

086 121 2520 / 086 121 2501

Oracle Protection Services:

014 533 3062/3726 / 081 358 4032

Wesalarms: 014 592 8364

SSR & CPF/GPF

CPF Sector 1: 071 175 2804

CPF Sector 2: 072 907 0844

CPF Sector 3: 072 204 4847

CPF Sector 4: 060 897 5488

CPF Sector 5: 082 573 3712

CPF Sector 6: 079 227 9748

Staan Saam RTB: 072 787 2550

Staan Saam Rustenburg Community Watch: 083 296 6949

SOUTH AFRICAN COMMUNITY CRIME WATCH RUSTENBURG (SACCW)

079 689 0961

ANIMAL EMERGENCIES

Animal Clinic Zinniaville: 014 538 2114

ARAN Veterinary Clinic: 014 592 6007

Bergbos Dierenkliniek: 014 533

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Bergbos Dierenkliniek (A/H): 083 653

1081

Rtb SPCA: 014 592 3181

Rtb SPCA (A/H): 072 933 7723

WATER

Water Problem Helpline: 014 590 3088

ELECTRICITY

Electricity Helpline: 014 590 3198

Eskom National Line: 086 003 7566

ROAD & TRAFFIC

Bakwena N4 Toll Road: 0800 225 9362

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PLATINUM WEEKLY

NEWSPAPER: 014 592 5653 / 072 482 6871

BY TRAINING OVER 2,600 PEOPLE LOCALLY, WE BUILD STRONGER COMMUNITIES.

When Jane Mabiloane, aged 55, from the village of Ga-Mapodile saw an ad in her local paper, she signed up for free artisan training at Glencore's Eastern Limb Training Centre. She also got to participate in an on-site learnership at Lion Smelter which gave her the much needed practical experience. Her experience at the Smelter inspired Jane to study further for her National Certificate. Jane now encourages the youth in her community to further their training and education. She believes that it will put them in a better position to get the jobs they've always dreamed of. Which means they can feed and support their families one day.

Jane is just one of over 2,600 community members who have received training in the greater Sekhukhune, Mashishing and other communities since 2005.

We believe that a single act can make a difference. It creates a ripple effect that can be felt throughout families and communities.

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