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FLOODING CAUSES EXTREME BLOOD SHORTAGE

(Sedgwick County, Kan.) Canceled blood drives due to flooding have severely impacted blood collections, resulting in a shortage of approximately 150 pints this week alone. June was a particularly challenging month and the Red Cross is currently facing a deficit of nearly 500 pints of lifesaving blood.

The Red Cross is making an emergency appeal to blood donors. Hours of operation at the Wichita Donor Center, 707 N. Main, have been extended on July 2 and 3. The emergency hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and the center will be open July 4 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Red Cross also is hosting a special blood drive called Camp Save-a-Life. Everyone who comes in to donate through July 15 will receive a Camp Save-a-Life T-shirt and be entered in drawings for Coleman camping packages.

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