

To: ALS Transport Agencies

From: Travis Wilson, NRP, LI, EMS System Director

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Subject: Blood Tube Shortage

Agencies,

There is currently a shortage of blue top blood tubes. The length of this shortage is unknown, it could extend into early Fall. At this time, we are asking providers not to restock any blue top blood tubes from the hospitals, as the hospitals have began limiting what type of patients, they are drawing these tubes for. Agencies may utilize their remainder of their blue top tubes that they have in stock on their ambulance.

Agencies should not take prepackaged tubes with the blue tops in them. If they do, they should return those tubes unused. We will notify the system agencies as soon as this shortage resolves.

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