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MCN 20-034 Impact of National Blood Supply on Individuals with SCD Who are Transfusion Dependent

The American Society of Hematology (ASH) and the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Inc. (SCDAA) is sharing a letter [here](#) about the impact the national blood supply shortage is having on individuals with sickle cell disease (SCD) who are transfusion dependent. The letter includes a guidance for providers who care for individuals with SCD to help conserve red cell units and encourages minority donation and recruitment.

ASH and the SCDAA also wanted to make sure that you are aware of the following COVID-19 and SCD-related resources:

- [American Society of Hematology \(ASH\) COVID-19 Resource Webpage](#)
- [Coronavirus and Sickle Cell Disease \(SCD\) reporting registry](#)
- Sickle Cell Disease Association of America's (SCDAA) Resources:
 - For the Community: [Recommendations for Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Preparedness](#)
 - For Health Care Providers: [Sickle Cell Disease and COVID-19: An Outline to Decrease Burden and Minimize Morbidity](#)

Please forward these items as appropriate. If you have any comments, please send them to me at tmattoch@americasblood.org.