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In loving memory of Moshe Schayek & Avraham Mamman

COVID-19 Update from Ezer Mizion Bone Marrow

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GENERAL

Ezer Mizion Registry is fully operational. Our emergency numbers are available as usual 24/7.

DONORS AVAILABILITY

The number of new COVID-19 cases are declining significantly and the Israeli MOH approved a series of steps to ease the lockdown restrictions on the general population which has a favorable affect on donor availability.

CRYOPRESERVATION OF PRODUCTS

Due to the continuous situation of borders closing, low availability of flights and travel bans together with the existing risk of donor ineligibility we continue to highly recommend that all products be cryopreserved by the TC until further notice. **Exceptions will be granted on a case-by-case basis following discussion between your medical team and the Ezer Mizion medical staff.**

HEALTH SCREENING

To clarify the risk of infection on donors, we implemented a designated questionnaire in order to survey the donors for COVID-19 symptoms for both CT and WU. If the donors have related symptoms, history of contact with COVID-19 cases or have been exposed to a risk area, the donation process on the donors will be deferred for four (4) weeks. We also carefully monitor for COVID-19 symptoms before initiation of Neupogen injections and stem cells collection. The transplant center will be notified immediately once an ineligibility or deferral is determined. We do not perform routine SARS-CoV-2 screening test.

The donors are surveyed 14 days after the collections to determine if they are at risk of COVID-19 infection and we will notify the transplant center as needed.

BONE MARROW COLLECTION

BM harvests may be more difficult to arrange, and there may be last minute changes in graft source. We recommend opting for PBSC whenever medically possible.

COURIER SERVICES

Due to the restrictions imposed on foreigners to enter Israel and the continued lack of flights, we will only be able to process new WU requests with courier transport services provided by the Israeli branch of "Royale International group" company. We will not be able to proceed to WU if the requesting registries persist on sending their own couriers. Information regarding the company's services is available at: <https://www.royaleinternational.com/>.

We will work with the relevant registries regarding the specific customs requirements needed in every country to facilitate the product transport. Please note that due to specific security arrangements which are required at TLV airport, the courier costs will be higher than usual.

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