

## CEDACE Position on SARS-CoV-2 Donor Screening

The Portuguese Competent Authority has recently updated its guidelines concerning hematopoietic stem cell (HSC) donor screening of asymptomatic donors.

The current scientific evidence does not support the transmission of SARS-CoV-2 by substances of human origin, particularly where HSC are concerned.

Therefore the Portuguese guidelines no longer require asymptomatic HSC donors to be screened for SARS-CoV-2. As of January 10, 2023 asymptomatic donors will no longer be tested.

Should your national recommendations still consider the need to test the donor please contact the CEDACE staff who then will transmit the request to the appropriate Donor and Collection Centers.

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