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Bernie, MO - The American Red Cross will host a BLOOD DRIVE at the Bernie Community Center on Wednesday, October 27, 2021.

The Bernie Community Center is located at 503 South Walnut Street. The hours will be from 12:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

This month is scary, and it's not because of Halloween. Fall is typically a time when the blood supply bounces back from summer blood shortages, but this year is different. We're experiencing an emergency blood shortage amid the lowest donor turnout in all of 2021. Hospital demand for blood remains high, so it's critical that blood is always available.

One blood donor can make a big impact, and one appointment is all it takes. Come in to give blood this October and receive a link by email to claim a free Zaxby's® Signature Sandwich reward!\* Or get a \$5 e-gift card to a merchant of your choice.\*\* PLUS, get double the thank-you with an extra \$5 e-gift card when you come to give by Oct. 31!

You may still donate after receiving a COVID-19 vaccination. Knowing the name of the manufacturer is critical in determining your blood donation eligibility.

The Red Cross follows the highest standards of safety and infection control. For the safety of our donors and staff, the Red Cross will require all those at blood drives and blood donation centers to wear face masks regardless of their vaccination status. Valve face

masks are not permitted. Face shields can be worn in addition to face masks but not as a substitute.

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