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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Public Encouraged to Donate Blood to Support Renal Patients

The Mandeville Regional Hospital Renal Unit is inviting members of the public to donate blood at its upcoming Blood Drive in observance of World Kidney Week (March 8–14) under the theme “Kidney Health for All.”

The Blood Drive will take place on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at the Mandeville Regional Hospital Blood Lab, beginning at 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Renal patients often require blood transfusions due to complications such as anaemia, dialysis-related conditions, or surgical procedures. Maintaining an adequate blood supply is therefore critical to ensuring these patients receive the care they need.

Persons who may be eligible to donate blood include:

- Healthy individuals aged 17–60 years
- Persons with hypertension who are on medication
- Diabetics on oral medication who do not have complications
- Individuals who have sickle cell trait

Members of the public who are eligible to donate are encouraged to come out and support this important initiative. One donation can make a difference.

The renal unit will also host other activities including a free kidney health fair on Wednesday, March 11 on the Mandeville Greens, in the town centre in Manchester at 9:00 am.

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