

Local Business Makes Life Easier for Patients with Mobile Lab Services

Tallahassee, FL -- As more Floridians get vaccinated, there's a waitlist of outdoor summer plans everyone's excited to finally catch up on. There are two July 4ths to squeeze into one summer, countless beach vacations, and a backlog of visits with loved ones that have been missed during the never-ending quarantine of 2020 and 2021.

But what's definitely *not* on this list is a trip outdoors to a medical lab for blood work. After surviving 2020's unprecedented pandemic, that's the last thing anyone wants to include in their summer plans. But for many patients, their health concerns require just that—constant trips to medical facilities.

Gifted Hands Phlebotomy ("Gifted Hands") seeks to eliminate at least one unnecessary trip by traveling to meet patients wherever they are. Summer trips should be for fun, not medical appointments. Gifted Hands is a Tallahassee-based business that has safely and securely performed doctor-ordered blood work for individuals in Leon, Gadsden, Wakulla, and Decatur counties for the past six years.

The mobile service travels to patients' exact location, including making house calls at no extra cost. This saves patients multiple trips, long lines, and hours of wasted time at medical facilities. With Gifted Hands, in less than fifteen minutes, individuals can have their blood drawn and sent to the appropriate medical facility for testing. Lab results are then sent directly to doctors.

"I worked as a phlebotomy technician, drawing blood, for over 15 years before I started this business, and making things as easy as possible for patients just made sense to me," says Dana Hines, owner of Gifted Hands. "Especially during the pandemic when everyone's understandably cautious about going into public spaces, bringing a safe, pristine environment to the patient helps decrease unnecessary contact with others. That means there are fewer people the patient has to interact with to address their medical needs. Ultimately, that saves the patient time, and creates a safer environment."

Gifted Hands' technicians follow the safest universal health precautions. All of the phlebotomist technicians have been fully vaccinated, and they are required to wear masks, gloves, and disposable lab coats during the entire duration of the service. The company screens employees for temperature checks at the start of each shift, and all phlebotomists have cleaning sprays and disinfecting wipes to clean any common surfaces or areas that are touched or utilized during the procedure.

"Safety is key for us," Hines said. "Our technicians take this very seriously. We treat our clients as if they could be our own mothers, fathers, aunts, uncles, or grandparents. Their experience matters to us." Utilizing Gifted Hands' services can be quick and easy for patients. Individuals can secure an appointment for their mobile services within as little as 24 hours by contacting the company's customer service. There's a nominal \$45.00 patient charge, and the company serves clients 6 days a week. All patients must have a doctor's order for blood work, and samples will

be delivered to the local laboratory based on a patient's insurance. Gifted Hands services both individuals and facilities, and also makes visits to doctor's offices, nursing homes, and other medical facilities to perform blood draws.

"We're so easy and accessible to patients," Hines said. "Once they discover us, the number one comment we hear from patients is that they wish they'd known about us sooner!" To find out more about Gifted Hands' mobile services, visit their website at www.giftedhandsphebotomy24.org. Summer 2021 is too precious to be spent waiting in line at a medical facility. Gifted Hands may be the key to helping you or someone in your life reclaim more of your time this summer.

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