

One of the Essentials

Ads on television, pleas on the evening news,
soliciting people for blood donations,
blood products still needed at hospitals,
one of the essential items,
like the food from grocery stores,
and medicines from pharmacies.

Blood drives at companies,
cancelled. Falling dominoes,
as companies closed down,
not considered essential,
more people working from home,
laid off, no life raft in site.

I do my small part,
making an appointment,
one of the regulars,
part of the blood squad.
Now, more items back on the shelf,
lifesaving essentials.

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