

# COVID-19 UPDATE



Week of 7.27.20

## Situational Overview

Number of Advocate Aurora Health COVID-19 patients discharged: **6203**

July 29	System	Illinois	Wisconsin
In house cases	290	170	120
In house trend from previous day	-2.7%	-2.3%	-3.2%

\*Note the numbers are fluid. For the most updated information on active/fatal cases, visit the IL Dept of Public Health and WI Dept of Health Service

## Key Advocate Aurora Health Updates

- As the federal government redirects COVID-19 testing supplies to hotspots in other parts of the country, we must modify our testing approach to continue to best support our patients, communities and team members as supplies are limited. In line with CDC guidelines, our Safe Care promise and guidance from our Infectious Disease experts, we are modifying testing criteria for hospital admissions and observations as well as surgeries and procedures in keeping with state mandates. In addition, there may be changes to community testing in some areas, and we will update you accordingly. We continue to work diligently to secure more supplies and expand our testing capabilities.
- With COVID-19 top of mind, we know parents and caregivers have a lot of questions as the school year approaches. Last week, we held our third virtual community town hall on Facebook Live and heard from Advocate Aurora Health pediatric experts who answered questions related to back-to-school, immunizations, and more. A video of the town hall is available [here](#). We encourage you to share this with parents and caregivers in your communities.
- Advocate Aurora's Safe Care promise provides additional measures to protect you and our team members. [Hear from Dr. Rob Citronberg](#), the Executive Medical Director of Infectious Diseases at Advocate Aurora Health, as he walks you through the extra steps we're taking to ensure safe care when you visit one of our locations. Learn more about our Safe Care promise: [aah.org/safe-care/](http://aah.org/safe-care/)
- The Advocate Aurora Research Institute has joined a study to learn how COVID-19 affects the outcomes of patients undergoing cancer treatment and how having cancer affects COVID-19. [Click here](#) to learn more about the study.
- Advocate Aurora has been named one of [Modern Healthcare's 2020 Best Places to Work in Healthcare](#). We are honored to receive this recognition. We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to our 75,000 physicians, nurses and team members who always deliver on our values of excellence, compassion and respect and for their unwavering commitment to serve our patients – especially during this challenging time of COVID-19.

## Resources for the Community

- Our online [COVID-19 Symptom Checker](#) is the best way for patients to find the care they need. By answering a few simple questions, they'll quickly learn what they need to do next – from seeing a provider with a video visit – 24/7 – to contacting their doctor.
- The COVID-19 hotline at **1-866-4-HEALTH** is staffed by clinicians who can answer questions about symptoms and determine the next steps in care.
- Produced by a team of seasoned journalists and public affairs professionals from across Advocate Aurora Health, health enews is your go-to source for health news and information you can trust. [Click here](#) to subscribe.

## Thank You for Your Support

- We are so appreciative of your support for our team members on social media and by posting thank-you signs outside your buildings and homes. If you're not on social media, you can send us your thanks, photos and virtual notes at [COVIDMessagesofSupp@aurora.org](mailto:COVIDMessagesofSupp@aurora.org).
- Your support has touched many lives across our system and helps our team members keep going. More than \$4.5 million has been raised to support our COVID-19 Relief Funds for Critical Care and Team Members. For more information on how to help, please click [here](#).
- Across Advocate Aurora, we are proud to honor our health care heroes and share their inspiring stories. Visit our [health e-news website](#) to read about the impact our heroes are making on the community. Visit our [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) channels to join the celebrations, stories and words of encouragement for our frontline staff.

