

# COMMUNITY UPDATE

March 26, 2021



## Number of AAH COVID-19 Patients Discharged

22,119



March 26	System	Illinois	Wisconsin
In-house cases	230	167	63
In-house trend from previous day	0.9%	0.0%	5.0%

\*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



**218,659 1<sup>st</sup> Doses**  
**133,700 2<sup>nd</sup> Doses**  
**COVID-19 Vaccines Administered**

## COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

**Vaccinating Our Patients, Team Members, Health Care Workers.** Our supplies are increasing, and we're offering the COVID-19 vaccine to more of our patients within CDC and state prioritization guidelines. Our states, cities and counties are expanding eligibility differently, and our ability to expand to more of our patients varies and is based on supply. Eligibility now includes:

### Illinois:

- Patients age 55 and older
- Patients age 18 to 54 with [certain medical conditions](#)

### Wisconsin:

- Patients age 55 and older
- Patients age 16 (with parental consent) to 54 with [certain medical conditions](#)
- Patients age 18 and older in ZIP codes identified by the state as having the highest social vulnerability ratings and lowest vaccination rates: 53204, 53205, 53206, 53209, 53215, 53216, 53218, 53223, 53224 & 53233

We strongly encourage you to check our [vaccine resource page](#) (also available [in Spanish](#)) for the latest vaccine eligibility information, as well as answers to frequently asked questions. You can also download and share or print and post these COVID-19 vaccine [myths and facts](#).

## COVID-19 Updates

**COVID-19 Situation Update.** We have seen a slight increase in positivity rates across our system, which is consistent with some national trends. We want to remind individuals and communities about continuing to take proper preventive measures like social distancing, masking and handwashing. As vaccine supply and eligibility increases, we also encourage people to get vaccinated.

**Expanding COVID-19 Testing.** We're now offering COVID-19 testing for anyone who needs it – regardless of symptoms or exposure – at our immediate and urgent care centers, with highly reliable results within 48 hours. Consumers may request a test by walking in, scheduling via the [LiveWell app](#) or calling the COVID-19 Hotline at 1-866-443-2584.

**SafeCheck Screening Expansion.** As part of our [Safe Care Promise](#), we have expanded the [SafeCheck](#) COVID-19 symptom screening option to our visitors and patients, improving safety and allowing for greater efficiencies at our sites of care. To complete a SafeCheck screening, visitors and patients can use our LiveWell app. Learn more [here](#).

## Advocate Aurora Health Updates

**Our 2020 Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Impact Report is now available.** From supporting minority and women-owned businesses through our supply chain purchasing efforts to addressing health inequities by mobilizing free flu shot clinics and providing COVID-19 education in under-resourced areas, we answered the call to keep our communities healthy during this challenging year. But we won't stop here. We'll continue to focus on raising the bar to advance how we lead, who we are, who we will become and how we can better meet the needs our communities. [Download the report.](#)

**Advocate Aurora Enterprises Invests in Foodsmart.** Advocate Aurora Enterprises, a new venture to invest in and help develop consumer-facing businesses that improve key aspects of health and well-being beyond our traditional clinical settings, made its first investment in a company called Foodsmart, a telenutrition platform that combines dietitians, recipes, grocery stores and price comparison tools to make eating well simple and affordable. [Learn more here.](#)

**MyAdvocateAurora is getting a refresh to LiveWell.** Soon, your online patient portal will have the exciting new look and feel of LiveWell - with the same MyAdvocateAurora features you know and love. Using the same username and password you have today, you can access your LiveWell account from a smartphone, computer or tablet to manage health and wellness for yourself and for everyone who counts on you - anytime, anywhere. Discover more ways to live well at [aah.org/livewell](http://aah.org/livewell).

**Facebook Live - Ask the Experts: COVID-19 Vaccine Q&A.** Join us for our Ask the Experts series on the COVID-19 vaccine. During this segment, we're setting the record straight by debunking myths and providing the facts. We'll share the latest CDC guidelines and recommendations for once you're fully vaccinated, talk about the vaccine's safety and efficacy, along with the latest on vaccination clinics and distribution in Illinois and Wisconsin. This Q&A will be hosted by Advocate Aurora Health CEO Jim Skogsbergh, and he will be joined by Dr. Robert Citronberg, our Executive Medical Director of Infectious Disease and Prevention. RSVP and submit your questions here (we recommend accessing via a mobile device or Chrome): <https://www.facebook.com/events/360047318545742/> Not on Facebook? You can still tune in at the link.

## News Your Communities Can Use

**Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period ends March 31.** Medicare Advantage plans (or Medicare Part C) provide bundled medical and prescription-drug coverage plans through private insurance companies. The Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period occurs each year from Jan. 1 to March 31. [Read more here.](#)



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