

COMMUNITY UPDATE

November 2021



COVID-19 and Vaccine Update

COVID-19 Situational Overview. Our hospitalization numbers have continued to decline over the last month but have leveled off over the last few days so we will continue to monitor. The unvaccinated account for the vast majority of our COVID-19 hospitalizations, and we are hopeful that with increasing vaccinations including approval for vaccines for children ages 5-11, we can vaccinate more of our population to help bring an end to this pandemic.

Pediatric Vaccine Administration. Following FDA and CDC approval, we are now vaccinating our patients ages 5-11. Parents or legal guardians can schedule a vaccine only appointment for their child or minor ages 5-11, by calling their pediatrician's office, our hotline at 866-443-2584 or via our LiveWell app. Given our large pediatric patient population and the wide availability of COVID-19 vaccines and locations across our communities, at this time scheduling is open to our pediatric patients ages 5 to 11 (those who have had a visit with an Advocate Aurora medical group primary care provider over the last two years). This ensures we can safely administer the vaccine to our younger patients in a pediatric office or family clinic setting. Appointments for non-AAH patients ages 5-11 will be available in the coming weeks. Please visit aah.org for the latest vaccine info.

Pediatric Facebook Live Wednesday. Join us for a Facebook Live Q&A session with our pediatric experts who will answer your questions about kids and the COVID-19 vaccine Wednesday, November 10 at 8:30 am. We'll cover safety, debunk misinformation, how to schedule your child's appointment and more. This Q&A will be hosted by Advocate Aurora CEO Jim Skogsbergh, Dr. Frank Belmonte, Chief Medical Officer of Advocate Children's Hospital, Dr. Kevin Dahlman, Medical Director for Aurora Children's Health, and Dr. Markeita Moore, a pediatrician with Advocate Children's Medical Group. Stay tuned for updates by following us on Facebook [here](#).

COVID-19 Booster Update. We are also providing booster shots in accordance with [CDC eligibility criteria](#). In addition, we continue to administer third doses of the mRNA vaccines to patients who meet the [CDC's criteria for moderately and severely immunocompromised](#). Eligible individuals can schedule boosters at Advocate Aurora's patient vaccine clinic locations across Illinois and Wisconsin via the LiveWell app, at aah.org or by calling 866-443-2584. Please check our [vaccine resource page](#) (also available [in Spanish](#)) for answers to frequently asked questions and the latest vaccine information.

Team Member COVID-19 Vaccination Mandate. We implemented a COVID-19 vaccine mandate to keep our team members, patients and communities safe. We are pleased to share all team members are in compliance. Limited exceptions were granted for specific religious or medical reasons, and those team members are required to under routine COVID-19 testing. While we had to part ways with roughly 450 team members—0.6% of our workforce, half of whom were per diem—we had proactive staffing strategies in place to mitigate the impact, which was mostly felt across nursing and support services.

Advocate Aurora Health Updates

Advocate Aurora Enterprises Leads Investment in Digital Health Tool. Advocate Aurora Enterprises, a subsidiary of Advocate Aurora Health, has invested in in [Xealth](#), a digital health tool. Use of digital therapeutics and remote patient monitoring is accelerating to fill a necessary role in extending care options for patients. Read more [here](#).

AAH Celebrates Our Veterans. At Advocate Aurora, we're committed to building a community and culture veterans can be proud to work in. We value their experience and appreciate the sacrifices our veterans and their families have made. As we celebrate Veteran's Day this month, we are sharing the inspiring stories of our team members and how we support them. [Read more here](#).

News Your Communities Can Use

Make Flu Prevention a Priority. With our clinic locations plus Advocate Clinic at Walgreens in Illinois or Aurora Clinic at Walgreens in Wisconsin, getting your flu shot is easy and convenient. Schedule your appointment in our LiveWell app, at aah.org or with your primary care provider. We've also made it easy to schedule your COVID-19 vaccination or booster at the same time. For more info click [here](#).

Donate Blood for Our Patients. The pandemic has led to a national blood shortage and blood donations are needed to ensure essential supply is available for our trauma, cancer and surgery patients. Register at a local blood drive to curb the national blood shortage: [Illinois](#) | [Wisconsin](#)

Help Us Help People Live Well. With our wide range of careers, leading benefits, and opportunities for learning and advancement, you'll not only fulfill that passion, you'll thrive and grow every day at Advocate Aurora. We each have a voice, and we're empowered to use it to innovate and change the future of health care for our patients, communities and each other. [Start exploring job opportunities!](#)

Making It Easier to Schedule an Appointment. To deliver a better consumer experience, the Advocate Health Care website was redesigned to make it easier to find a doctor, get information about our services and make an appointment. The site is also available in Spanish. [View it here](#).



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