

Week of 3.30.20

Situational Overview

Cases	Illinois				Wisconsin			
	State	AAH	Inpatient	ICU	State	AAH	Inpatient	ICU
Active (3/30)	4,891	458	263		1,099	145	61	
Fatal (3/30)	65	8			13	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 Services

Key Advocate Aurora Health Action Items

- Effective Tuesday, March 31, we are implementing a universal masking policy requiring all team members on our acute care campuses to wear a mask. This is a precautionary measure intended to better protect each other and our patients while conserving our PPE supply for medical use. While we await an incoming supply of fabric masks, every team member on our acute care campuses will receive a procedure mask. This shift to fabric masks will enable us to expand universal masking beyond our acute sites in the coming days.
- Nothing is more important to us than ensuring the safety of our patients and team members. Amid the challenges nationwide with personal protective equipment (PPE) shortages, we have supply to meet our current needs, but we expect demand to increase significantly. We continue to work diligently to secure additional supplies from all available sources.
- Last week, our lab partner ACL Laboratories began processing COVID-19 tests. The lab's capabilities are reserved for admitted patients, our team members and physicians. This allows us to process at least 400 tests daily with results back in less than 24 hours.
- We recently began COVID-19 temperature screening for all team members, physicians and contractors at the start of every shift. Those who have a fever of over 100°F are required to go home immediately and follow proper protocol under the guidelines for symptoms and exposure.
- We have taken steps to reduce the number of people in our facilities including cancelling elective and non-urgent procedures, implementing a no visitor policy; and using virtual visits to help aid our patients to stem the spread of COVID-19 and help keep our patients and team members safe.
- We have been proactive in our planning for a surge in patients which includes an assessment of all our facilities, technology and equipment inventory and needs. As part of our planning, ED overflow tents are being erected at all hospitals across Advocate Aurora. These are not testing locations, but instead will be used strictly to screen patients with COVID concerns. The tents allow for greater protection of our team members and patients by separating possible COVID patients and not bringing them into the main hospital unless they require further treatment after their screening. The tents also help us efficiently conserve PPE as the tents are designed to keep staffing to a minimum.

Resources for the Community

- Our new 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, such as a virtual visit or a test from one of our temporary testing sites.
- We continue to provide the community with the most accurate and up-to-date information on our [online COVID-19 resource center](#).
- Our Virtual Health platform, [LiveWell app](#), continues to offer virtual appointments with physicians 24-hours a day. Those who have or suspect they may have COVID-19 symptoms can do a virtual visit.

Thank You for Your Support

- We have been touched by the outpouring of support from our community and the offers to help. We are accepting supplies of certain items including N95 and procedural masks, personal-sized un-opened hand sanitizer, new or unused goggles or safety shields and disinfectant wipes. Items can be dropped off at the shipping and receiving dock of our hospital. Questions can be directed to: COVIDAAHSupplyDonations@aurora.org.
- If you're able, post a message to our team members on [Facebook](#). Your encouragement truly inspires us during this unprecedented time.