

EXCLUSIVE: Only 112 Covid Patients Currently Hospitalized At Aurora Hospitals In Entire State Of Wisconsin

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Only a small fraction of the total beds in all of the Advocate Aurora hospitals in the state of Wisconsin are currently occupied by Covid-19 patients, according to an internal Aurora memo I have obtained. The memo breaks down by hospital the number of Covid-19 patients currently in-house, discharged or deceased. The total number of patients currently in Wisconsin Aurora hospitals is only 112, according to the report which used April 13 (Monday) data. The report was prepared today. The Covid census is delayed by a couple of days because of the lag between hospital admission and test result confirmation.

Aurora, like most other hospital companies, has cancelled procedures and services for many other patients because of fears of an influx of Covid-19 patients. Not only has the influx not occurred, a number of Aurora hospitals currently do not have a single Covid patient in the entire facility!

St. Luke's the mega-hospital on Milwaukee's south side has the highest number of Covid patients in-house of any Aurora facility in the state. 52 Covid patients are at

St. Luke's. Sinai Samaritan, on the north side, has 18. West Allis Memorial has 11. Aurora Kenosha has 10 and Aurora's Grafton hospital has seven Covid patients. Aurora South Shore has nine. Aurora Bay Care in Green Bay has only three Covid patients. Aurora's Waukesha County hospital in Summit has only one and Aurora Burlington also has one. No other Aurora hospital in the state has a single Covid-19 patient, according to the internal memo.

The total number of Covid discharges in Wisconsin from Aurora is 201 with 35 fatalities.

Despite the relatively low number of Covid-19 patients, Aurora has canceled or postponed thousands of appointments and patients awaiting numerous procedures have been told not to schedule until June. Advocate Aurora, Froedtert, Ascension and other health providers have all been clearing space for a feared influx of Covid-19 patients. But that surge simply hasn't materialized. In the meantime, many other people in need of care are being told to cool their heels while the giant Aurora system in Wisconsin treats its 112 Coronavirus patients.

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