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Mayor Nelson & Dan:

Below is our most recent Allina Health Public Affairs COVID-19 Update.

On another note Mercy Hospital is beginning our next MN State required Community Health Needs Assessment in partnership with Anoka County Public Health and Environmental Services. We are forming a Community Health Assessment/Planning Team to help guide us in our process and identify priority community health needs. **If you have any interest in participating on this team which will begin meeting in September just let me know.**

Thanks, and hope you had a great 4th of July holiday weekend!

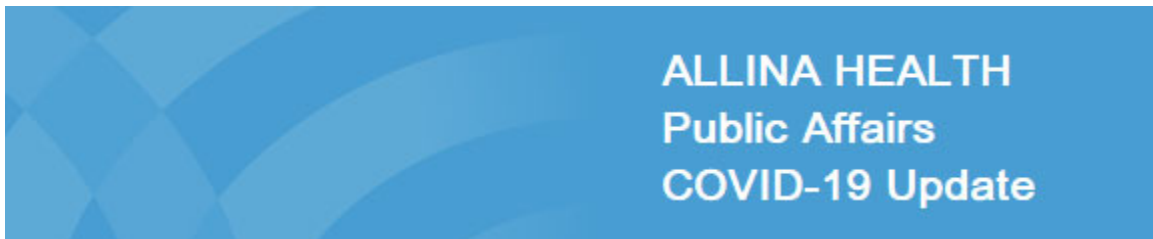
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Please see below update on how Allina Health is managing the outbreak of COVID-19 and working to ensure access to health care and the safety of our patients. It is based on the latest information and guidance from state and federal agencies, which frequently change. We also highlight our greatest needs which can be helped by federal and state policymakers. Finally, check out the Allina Health [media blog](#) for the latest interviews and stories. We hope you find this update informative.

– *The Allina Health Public Affairs Team*

Minnesota Twins Front Office Staff will join Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute and the City of Brooklyn Park for Adaptive Softball – New

Allina Health's Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute's Sports & Recreation department is joining the Minnesota Twins Front Office staff and the City of Brooklyn Park Recreation and Parks department to host an adaptive softball event.

We welcome youth and teens with cognitive and physical disabilities to join. All necessary equipment will be provided. All activities can be adapted to fit ambulatory and seated participants. Adaptive sports offer barrier-free opportunities to explore new skills and sports programs. Courage Kenny offers both individual and team sports for people of all skill levels and age groups. Courage Kenny worked in partnership with the City of Brooklyn Park to develop the only dedicated competitive wheelchair softball field in the five-state area. Todd Anderson field is located at Northwoods Park in Brooklyn Park.

Learn more and register for the event by visiting [the City of Brooklyn Park's website](#). The registration deadline is July 9.

Allina Health hosting blood donations drives to stabilize blood supply

Allina Health is partnering with the American Red Cross to host blood donation drives across our health system in order to address the national blood shortage.

The Red Cross is urging all eligible donors – particularly those with type O blood and those giving platelets – to aid in replenishing the supply and keeping our community healthy.

The Red Cross has scheduled donation drives at the following Allina Health locations:

- Allina Health Elk River Clinic -- July 26 – Noon - 6 p.m.
- Mercy Hospital – Coon Rapids – July 27 – 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- District One Hospital – Faribault – August 3 – Noon - 6 p.m.
- Allina Health Woodbury Clinic – August 3 - 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- St. Francis Regional Medical Center – Shakopee – August 6 - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Allina Health Champlin Clinic – August 16 - 1 p.m. – 7 p.m.
- Mercy Hospital, Unity Campus – Fridley – August 20 - 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

You can search [RedCrossBlood.org](#) by zip code for donation sites nearest you or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to schedule your appointment. To reduce wait time,

you can make an appointment and complete the RapidPass online health history questionnaire at redcrossblood.org/RapidPass.

Federal Needs and Requests

- Urge Congress to support the health care workforce and health care facilities, including physical improvements and technical upgrades, in legislation addressing infrastructure and public health.
- Urge Congress to support legislation addressing health care provider resiliency and burnout, including the Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act (S. 610/H.R. 1667). Many thanks to those who have signed on as cosponsors. – **Urgent**
- Request Congress support H.R. 3589, which provides a one-year delay of repayment of the Medicare Accelerated and Advance Payments. – **New**
- Request the Department of Health and Human Services and Congress to maintain the telehealth flexibilities provided during the Public Health Emergency, including supporting the Connect for Health Act of 2021 (S. 1512), Protecting Access to Post-COVID-19 Telehealth Act of 2021 (H.R. 366), Telehealth Modernization Act (S. 368/H.R. 1332). – **Urgent**
- Request Congress repeal the in-person visit Medicare requirement for mental health services provided via telehealth and support the Tele-mental Health Care Access Act of 2021 (S. 2061). – **Urgent**
- Request Congress protect hospital 340B program eligibility from the pandemic's impact on patient mix and disproportionate share hospital (DSH) percentage and support S. 773/H.R. 3203. – **Urgent**

State Needs and Requests

- Thank you for including the Allina Health legislative priorities in the final budget bills. Priorities include maintaining grant funding for United Family Medical Residency program, the Dignity in Childbirth Act, extending Medical Assistance postpartum coverage from 60 days to one year, and extending health care professionals' ability to complete their background checks or to renew their license and the MN Telehealth Act. – **New**

Resources

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- [Allina Health Coronavirus Screening](#)
 - [Centers for Disease Control](#)
 - [Minnesota Department of Health](#)
 - [Minnesota Department of Education](#)
 - [Wisconsin Department of Health Services](#)
 - [Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction](#)



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