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## Pennsylvania's Fall 2020 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades Announced

**Bethlehem, PA, December 14, 2020** – [The Leapfrog Group](#), a national nonprofit representing hundreds of the nation's most influential employers and purchasers of health care, and driven in the Lehigh Valley and Eastern Pennsylvania by the Lehigh Valley Business Coalition on Healthcare (LVBCH), announced today the [Fall 2020 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades](#).

The independent grading system assigns "A," "B," "C," "D" and "F" letter grades to general acute-care hospitals in the U.S. based on their ability to protect patients from avoidable errors, injuries, accidents and infections.

In Pennsylvania 121 hospitals were graded, and 57 earned an "A," 27 earned a "B," 29 earned a "C," 8 earned a "D" and none earned an "F." Only one Pennsylvania hospital – St. Clair Hospital located in Pittsburg – has received 'Straight As' since 2013.

"The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade provides hospitals and patients with the information they need to make informed choices on where they seek care in Pennsylvania," said Carl Seitz, LVBCH President and Leapfrog Regional Leader. "In light of the pandemic that has eclipsed 2020, driving transparency and accountability across our Nation's hospitals has never been more urgent. We commend our hospitals in Pennsylvania who continue to ensure that the safety of the patients they serve comes first."

"As we grapple with the current implications and lasting ramifications of COVID-19, hospital and patient safety have never been more important" said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "We thank all hospitals and heroic members of the health care work force for their efforts to protect and save patients this year."

Developed under the guidance of a National Expert Panel, the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade uses up to 27 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to assign grades to more than 2,600 U.S. hospitals twice per year. The Hospital Safety Grade's methodology is peer-reviewed and fully transparent, and the results are free to the public.

For more information about the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade, as well as individual grades and state rankings, please visit [hospitalsafetygrade.org](http://hospitalsafetygrade.org) and follow The Leapfrog Group on Facebook and Twitter. Journalists interested in scheduling interviews should email [Leapfrogpr@jpa.com](mailto:Leapfrogpr@jpa.com).

### **About LVBCH**

LVBCH is a multi-state, not-for-profit, coalition of employers striving to provide access to quality affordable healthcare for their employees. The Coalition's mission is to improve the delivery, cost and quality of health care in our communities through: Collective employer action; Quality and data initiatives; Value based purchasing; and, Providing forums for the exchange of information, ideas and resources. The Coalition is also a member of the National Alliance of Healthcare Purchaser Coalitions, the National Quality Forum and The Leapfrog Group. For more information, visit [www.LVBCH.com](http://www.LVBCH.com).

### **About The Leapfrog Group**

Founded in 2000 by large employers and other purchasers, The Leapfrog Group is a national nonprofit organization driving a movement for giant leaps forward in the quality and safety of American health care. The flagship Leapfrog Hospital Survey collects and transparently reports hospital performance, empowering purchasers to find the highest-value care and giving consumers the lifesaving information they need to make informed decisions. The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade, Leapfrog's other main initiative, assigns letter grades to hospitals based on their record of patient safety, helping consumers protect themselves and their families from errors, injuries, accidents and infections.

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