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## Pennsylvania's Spring 2021 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades Announced

**Bethlehem, PA, April 29, 2021** – [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 [spring 2021 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 125 hospitals were graded, and 56 earned an "A," 31 earned a "B," 30 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.

LVBCH would like to recognize our local hospital systems and their hospitals that received an "A" including: Geisinger's Geisinger Medical Center, Bloomsburg, Lewistown, Shamokin Area Community Hospital campuses; Lehigh Valley Health Network's Cedar Crest, Hazleton, Muhlenberg, and Pocono campuses; Penn State Health's St. Joseph Campus; and St. Luke's University Hospital Network's Allentown, Anderson, Monroe, Quakertown, Sacred Heart, and Bethlehem campuses.

"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. "In light of the pandemic that eclipsed 2020 and has continued into 2021, 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."

"Our members watch the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade closely because we know how critical they are to the lives and health of people throughout the Lehigh Valley and Pennsylvania," said Amanda Greene, Director of Operations, LVBCH and Leapfrog Regional Leader. "We care deeply about our hospitals, a point brought home to us by the pandemic, and we hold them to the highest standards because we entrust them with our lives."

"The Leapfrog Group commends all hospitals and health care workers in Pennsylvania who saved patients throughout the pandemic," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of

The Leapfrog Group. “As we move forward, we will never forget that the safety of the patient is the first priority.”

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 2,700 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](http://TheLeapfrogGroup.org) 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](http://LeapfrogHospitalSurvey.org) and new [Leapfrog Ambulatory Surgery Center \(ASC\) Survey](http://LeapfrogAmbulatorySurgeryCenterSurvey.org) collect and [transparently report](http://transparentlyreport.org) hospital and ASC 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](http://LeapfrogHospitalSafetyGrade.org), 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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