

Dane County Legislators: Urge community to support health care workers as area hospitals reach capacity limits

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MADISON – Today, UW Health, UnityPoint Health – Meriter, and SSM St. Mary’s issued a [joint press release](#) asking the public to protect hospital workers with continued COVID-19 safety protocols. The three Madison area hospitals currently have 177 COVID-19 related hospitalizations and expect to surpass their prior hospitalization peak of 179. Due to the influx of patients and pandemic related staffing shortages, the hospitals are postponing low-risk, non-essential procedures. Representatives Lisa Subeck (D-Madison), Dianne Hesselbein (D-Middleton), Francesca Hong (D-Madison), Shelia Stubbs (D-Madison), Jimmy Anderson (D-Fitchburg), Samba Baldeh (D-Madison), and SONDY POPE (D-Mt. Horeb) along with Senators Melissa Agard (D-Madison), Kelda Roys (D-Madison), and Jon Erpenbach (D-West Point) issued the following statement:

“Our healthcare workers have been our most valuable asset during the COVID-19 pandemic, providing compassionate, quality care for us, our family, friends, and neighbors. Since the start of the pandemic, our doctors, nurses and other hospital staff have made tremendous sacrifices to serve our community in the face of the most challenging circumstances. We are calling on the public to step up for those who provide care for our community by doing their part to stop the spread of the virus. Wear a mask, get vaccinated and boosted, and limit large gatherings. Our hospitals now face a crisis and we can all do our part, working together to protect the healthcare providers who work every day to keep us healthy.”