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Kenmore Mercy and Mount St. Mary's Hospitals Awarded 'A' Hospital Safety Grade from Leapfrog Group

Catholic Health hospitals receives overall combined 'A' Safety Grade

Kenmore Mercy Hospital and Mount St. Mary's Hospital received the Buffalo-Niagara region's only "A" [Hospital Safety Grades](#) from The Leapfrog Group, a national nonprofit agency that rates hospitals on how well they protect patients from preventable harm. It is the 19th consecutive "A" for Kenmore Mercy, which is the most of any hospital in New York State. Catholic Health received the region's highest overall safety score with Mercy Hospital of Buffalo and Sisters of Charity Hospital receiving "B" Safety Grades.



"All our hospital scores improved since the Fall Safety Grade Report as did Catholic Health overall, which is a testament to the hard work of our entire healthcare team," said Hans Cassagnol, MD, MMM, Chief Clinical Officer & Physician Executive for Catholic Health. "While the last few years have been challenging for healthcare providers everywhere, our focus on quality and patient safety has never wavered as we continue to use the technology and talent we have throughout our system to raise the bar even further."

Founded more than 20 years ago by large employers and other major purchasers of healthcare, The Leapfrog Group is an independent watchdog organization that collects and reports safety data for nearly 3,000 hospitals across the country, giving consumers the information they need to make more informed healthcare decisions. The Safety Grade Report assigns letter grades, ranging from A - F, based on more than 30 national performance measures that rate how well a hospital protects patients from preventable medical errors, injuries, accidents, and infections.

"This new update of Hospital Safety Grades shows that, at the national level, we saw deterioration in patient safety with the pandemic," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "But these hospitals received an 'A' despite those challenges. I congratulate all the leaders, staff, volunteers and clinicians who together made that possible."

The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade is the only hospital ratings program based exclusively on hospital prevention of medical errors and harm to patients. The grading system is peer-reviewed, fully transparent and free to the public. Grades are updated twice annually, in the fall and spring. To see Catholic Health's full grade details and to access tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit HospitalSafetyGrade.org.



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About Catholic Health

From delivering thousands of babies each year; to offering the area's widest network of comprehensive cardiac, stroke, vascular, orthopedic and women's services; to providing a broad range of home care, skilled nursing and other post-acute services, Catholic Health cares for hundreds of thousands of Western New Yorkers at dozens of locations in the Buffalo-Niagara region. As the area's quality, safety and patient satisfaction leader, its network includes Kenmore Mercy Hospital, Mercy Hospital of Buffalo, Mount St. Mary's Hospital, Sisters of Charity Hospital and its St. Joseph Campus; and a wide range of Home & Community Based Care services. Trinity Medical WNY, a multi-specialty practice with locations throughout the region; and Catholic Medical Partners, the area's largest independent Practice Association, make up its physician enterprise, consisting of more than 1,500 providers. Together, with its nearly 9,000 associates, Catholic Health is part of a healing ministry dating back more than 170 years. Today, as one of the largest providers of healthcare in Western New York, Catholic Health is continuing to transform care across the region.

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 for patient safety. The flagship [Leapfrog Hospital Survey](#) and new [Leapfrog Ambulatory Surgery Center \(ASC\) Survey](#) collect and [transparently report](#) 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](#), 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. For more, [follow us on Twitter and Facebook, and sign up for our newsletter](#).

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