



Monday, November 16, 2020

Today's release of Illinois COVID-19 data makes it abundantly clear: Illinois is in crisis.

We continue to advocate for our fellow Illinoisians to do the small things to help prevent our emergency rooms and ICUs from filling with COVID-19 patients. Many of you have listened, modifying your Thanksgiving plans to stay home, wearing masks and, above all, committing to staying safe. **You are our heroes.**

But from the vantage point of healthcare workers on the COVID-19 front line, we know we must do more to stop the surge. The data show the initial mitigation efforts are not sufficiently stemming the tide of COVID-19 cases. All the while, our clinicians and health care systems approach crisis levels of overload. Simply put: we need to do more.

Because of this, we support and advocate for more intense efforts to decrease the spread of COVID-19 in Illinois, such as a stay-at-home order. Because a stay-at-home order has serious health and economic consequences for our patients and communities, we do not make this statement lightly. We feel we are left with no choice. We must control the spread of COVID-19 to reduce the already increasing burden on healthcare facilities to avoid the preventable harm associated with overwhelming our healthcare system.