



## **St. Bernard Hospital Recognized for Investment in Englewood's Community Health**

St. Bernard Hospital has earned high ranks for investing in the health of Englewood, according to a notable healthcare organization. The Lown Institute ranked St. Bernard Hospital 19<sup>th</sup> on its 2021 list of the nation's top 50 hospitals for investing in their local communities. The hospitals were evaluated according to how well their patients are treated, the level of care they provide, and the level of their investment in the health of the community. After examining over 3,600 hospitals in the United States, St. Bernard was one of three Illinois hospitals represented in the "Top 50 Hospitals, Community Benefit" ranking.

The hospital's response to the COVID-19 pandemic was one of several examples of its commitment to the community, as it was one of the few local hospitals to receive direct shipments of the Pfizer vaccine from the manufacturer in December 2020. Shortly after the hospital began distributing the vaccine to the community, Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot, Illinois Lt. Gov. Juliana Stratton and other city officials and nonprofit leaders received their first dose of the vaccine at the hospital. In addition to distributing at the hospital, St. Bernard dispatched its mobile unit to deliver COVID-19 vaccinations to Englewood and other South Side communities, including to the residences of homebound patients.

The Lown Institute was founded in 1973 as a cardiology research foundation that expanded their scope for compassionate healing from heart and blood problems to all aspects of medical treatment. The organization prides itself on focusing on the care and wellbeing of the patient and making changes to the medical field's focus.

In 2020, the Lown Institute ranked St. Bernard number one for Community Benefits, number one for Civic Leadership, and gave the hospital an excellent grade for the value of care it provides.

To see the full list and other rankings, head to [www.lownhospitalsindex.org](http://www.lownhospitalsindex.org).