

The COVID-19 Snapshot is the American Hospital Association's look at what America's hospitals and front-line workers are facing as they provide care during the public health emergency. America's hospitals and health systems continue to face historic challenges, including unprecedented financial pressures. It is vitally important that hospitals and health systems receive further support and resources to ensure that they can continue to deliver critical care for patients and communities.

### BY THE NUMBERS: COVID-19 IN THE U.S.

**3,463,027**

cumulative confirmed COVID-19 hospital admissions  
(August 1, 2020 – December 6, 2021)

Source: CDC | COVID Data Tracker

**18.6%**

increase in purchased service expenses per adjusted discharge (includes contract labor) compared to pre-pandemic levels in 2019

Source: Nov. 2021 Kaufman Hall National Hospital Flash Report

**7.1%**

increase in average patient length-of-stay (increased patient acuity) compared to pre-pandemic levels in 2019

Source: Nov. 2021 Kaufman Hall National Hospital Flash Report

**49,547,338**

total COVID-19 cases in the U.S.  
(as of 12/9)



(850,968 increase over the last 7 days)

Source: JHU | COVID-19 Dashboard

**793,302**

total COVID-19 deaths in the U.S.  
(as of 12/9)



(11,193 increase over the last 7 days)

Source: JHU | COVID-19 Dashboard

**States with the highest percent increase in COVID-19 admissions from the prior week:**  
(as of 12/05)

1. DC – **59%**
2. VT – **46%**
3. CT – **42%**
4. NJ – **36%**
5. MO – **32%**

Source: COVID-19 Community Profile Report | beta.HealthData.gov

### FROM THE FRONT LINES

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“We are full. Period. It's really impacting, impeding care for those patients who are not COVID that need the care getting in because getting to our beds is just very, very hard.”

Eric Conley | CEO, Froedtert Hospital, Milwaukee, WI

### IN THE NEWS

**As world focuses on omicron, delta variant overwhelms parts of U.S.**

– The Washington Post –

**Fitch Ratings: Increasing labor expenses dampens 2022 outlook for nonprofit hospitals**

– Becker's Hospital Review –

**More omicron detected as hospitals strain under delta surge**

– Associated Press –

**Omicron Lands in U.S. With Hospitals Still Battered by Covid**

– Bloomberg News –

**Cleveland Clinic, MetroHealth and University Hospitals postpone some surgeries due to COVID surge**

– Fox 8 (Cleveland, OH) –

**The US is averaging more than 100,000 new Covid-19 cases a day, the highest level in two months**

– CNN Health News –