

Advancing Health in America

COVID-19 Snapshot

Challenges Confronting America's Hospitals and Health Systems (September 16, 2021)

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.

2,910,103

cumulative confirmed COVID-19 hospital admissions (August 1, 2020 – September 13, 2021)

Source: covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#new-hospital-admissions

12.5%

increase in labor expenses per adjusted discharge compared to 2019.

Source: Kaufman Hall National Flash Report August 2021

9.2%

decrease in hospital discharges compared to 2019

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

41,613,521 total COVID-19

cases in the U.S.

(as of 9/16)



(1,056,778 increase over the last 7 days)

666,630

total COVID-19 deaths in the U.S. (as of 9/16)



(13,163 increase over the last 7 days) States with the highest number of COVID-19 hospital admissions over the last 7 days:

(as of 9/12)

1. TX - **10,359**

4. GA - **4,759**

2. FL - **9,129**

5. KY - 4,387

3. CA - 5,103

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

Source: coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html

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FROM THE FRONT LINES



"We're staying almost at capacity almost all the time. The staffing is maxed out. The amount of patients we're seeing in the hospital just for my service is twice as many as we would normally see with the same number of doctors."

Suzi Whitworth, M.D. | medical director of infectious diseases, Cook Children's Medical Center, Fort Worth, TX

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- CBS4 (Denver, Col.) -

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