

COVID-19 Snapshot

Challenges Confronting America's Hospitals and Health Systems
(September 9, 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.

2,830,862

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

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

13.1%

decrease in hospital ED visits compared to 2019.

Source: Kaufman Hall National Flash Report August 2021

583%

increase in average adult COVID-19 ICU patients over prior 2 months
(as of 9/7)

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

40,459,874

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

Source: coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html



(1,060,555 increase over the last 7 days)

652,706

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

Source: coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html



(10,495 increase over the last 7 days)

States with the highest number of COVID-19 hospital admissions over the last 7 days:
(as of 9/5)

1. TX – **11,343**
2. FL – **10,536**
3. CA – **6,031**
4. GA – **5,592**
5. KY – **3,979**

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

FROM THE FRONT LINES

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“Our annual budget calls for us to have enough staff to serve 34 admitted patients a day in these units. Today, we have 72 patients on these units. I've never seen this many patients admitted to our hospital. ... How can you take care of double the patients that you're budgeted to care for?”

Jay Johnson | CEO and president of Duncan (Oklahoma) Regional Hospital

IN THE NEWS

Florida Grapples With COVID-19's Deadliest Phase Yet

– Associated Press –

Virus Pushes Some California Hospitals Near ICU Capacity

– Associated Press –

As a Delta Wave Peaks in Some States, Others Brace for What's Next

– The Wall Street Journal –

Covid Deaths Surge Across a Weary America as a Once-Hopeful Summer Ends

– The NY Times –

U.S. COVID Death Toll Hits 1,500 a Day Amid Delta Scourge

– The Washington Post –

Least Vaccinated States Lead Spike in Children's Cases, Leaving Some Hospitals Stretched

– The NY Times –