

COVID-19 Snapshot

Challenges Confronting America's Hospitals and Health Systems
(October 21, 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.

3,179,755

cumulative confirmed COVID-19 hospital admissions
(August 1, 2020 – October 18, 2021)

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

16.6%

increase in total hospital expenses compared to pre-pandemic levels in 2019

Source: Sept. 2021 Kaufman Hall National Hospital Flash Report

8,000

decrease in number of hospital employees from August to September 2021

Source: Altarum October 2021 Labor Brief

45,220,608

total COVID-19 cases in the U.S.
(as of 10/21)



(534,758 increase over the last 7 days)

Source: coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html

731,275

total COVID-19 deaths in the U.S.
(as of 10/21)



(11,663 increase over the last 7 days)

Source: coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html

States with the highest number of COVID-19 hospital admissions over the last 7 days:
(as of 10/18)

1. TX – **3,672**
2. OH – **2,772**
3. CA – **2,733**
4. PA – **2,449**
5. FL – **2,387**

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

FROM THE FRONT LINES

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Our numbers do continue to increase. I think people are hearing a lot from national news that this surge is over and that the numbers are going down. That is absolutely not what we are experiencing in Michigan.”

Christine Nefcy, M.D. | Munson Healthcare Chief Medical Officer, Traverse City, Mich.

IN THE NEWS

Covid-19 infections are declining in the US. But hospitalizations are still high in some hot spots

– CNN –

Hospitals urge CMS to move ahead with Trump-era prior authorization rule

– Modern Healthcare –

Unvaccinated Adults 11 Times More Likely To Die of COVID-19: CDC

– U.S. News & World Report –

Covid Live Updates: As Colder Weather Sets In, Cases Rise in Northernmost U.S. States

– The NY Times –

COVID-19 patient counts in Maine hospitals spike again

– Portland Press Herald –

Rural reckoning: COVID-19 highlights long-standing challenges facing rural hospitals. Will it create momentum for change?

– Modern Healthcare –