

COVID-19 Snapshot

Challenges Confronting America's Hospitals and Health Systems
(October 28, 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.

3,218,236

cumulative confirmed COVID-19 hospital admissions
(August 1, 2020 – October 25, 2021)

Source: CDC | COVID Data Tracker

9.5%

decrease in hospital discharges compared to pre-pandemic levels in 2019

Source: Sept. 2021 Kaufman Hall National Hospital Flash Report

8.5%

increase in average hourly wages for hospital employees between February 2020 and August 2021

Source: Not-for-Profit Healthcare Staffing Shortage Has Long-Term Effects

45,705,656

total COVID-19 cases in the U.S.
(as of 10/28)



(501,040 increase over the last 7 days)

Source: JHU | COVID-19 Dashboard

741,242

total COVID-19 deaths in the U.S.
(as of 10/28)



(9,797 increase over the last 7 days)

Source: JHU | COVID-19 Dashboard

States with the highest number of COVID-19 hospital admissions over the last 7 days:
(as of 10/25)

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| 1. TX – 3,199 | 4. PA – 2,237 |
| 2. CA – 2,922 | 5. FL – 1,948 |
| 3. OH – 2,315 | |

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

FROM THE FRONT LINES

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Over the last nine weeks, none of them (the nursing and medical leaders) have gotten a full night's sleep. They're on call, 24-7, managing the pandemic.”

Margo Karsten | CEO of Banner Health's northern Colorado region

IN THE NEWS

Hospitals struggle with drug shortages as supply chain issues persist

– CBS News –

‘This Is A Wakeup Call’: Colorado Governor Says State Is Running Low On ICU Beds Due To COVID Cases

– CBS News Local (Denver, Col.) –

About 1,500 patients waiting for elective surgeries in Portland as COVID cases strain hospitals

– Portland (Maine) Press Herald –

COVID cases falling, but trouble signs arise as winter looms

– Associated Press –

Michigan reports 7,505 new COVID-19 cases, 118 additional deaths over two-day period

– ABC News Local (Detroit, Mich.) –

Alaska reports 11 COVID-19 deaths and near-record hospitalizations Tuesday

– Anchorage Daily News –