COVID-19 Snapshot
Challenges Confronting America’s Hospitals and Health Systems
(Dec. 15, 2020)

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.
(As of Dec. 14)

110,549 current COVID-19 hospitalizations
Source: covidtracking.com/data/national

15.2% year-to-date increase in hospital labor expenses per adjusted discharge through October
Source: Kaufman Hall National Hospital Flash Report: November 2020

11.4% 7-day average positivity rate
Source: covidtracking.com/data/national

16,520,408 total COVID-19 cases in the U.S.
Source: coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html

300,494 total COVID-19 deaths in the U.S.
Source: coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html

Highest ICU bed utilization rates (all patients):
1. NM – 102.25% 4. OK – 89.48%
2. RI – 91.25% 5. GA – 87.31%
3. AL – 89.95%
Source: protect-public.hhs.gov/pages/hospital-capacity

FROM THE FRONT LINES

It’s certainly an alarming and scary situation right now. We’ve been warning folks that we’re starting to see a trend that hospitals that we refer to and transfer to are filling up. And at some point, they’re going to get too full to accept patients. And we’re at that point. We’ve passed that point.

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