The COVID-19 Snapshot is the American Hospital Association’s look at what America’s hospitals and frontline 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. 16)

- **113,090** current COVID-19 hospitalizations  
  Source: covidtracking.com/data/national
- **307,543** total COVID-19 deaths in the U.S.  
  Source: coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html
- **13%** year-to-date increase in non-labor hospital expenses through October  
  Source: Kaufman Hall National Hospital Flash Report: November 2020
- **11.2%** 7-day average positivity rate  
  Source: coronavirus.jhu.edu/testing/individual-states
- **16,984,580** total COVID-19 cases in the U.S.  
  Source: coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html
- **11.2%** 7-day average positivity rate  
  Source: coronavirus.jhu.edu/testing/individual-states

**IN THE NEWS**

- **Texas’ ICU Capacity is the Lowest Since the Start of the Pandemic**  
  – ABC13 –
- **Central Indiana Hospitals ‘Fast Approaching Crisis’ with COVID-19 Patients**  
  – IndyStar –
- **Hospitals Plead with Public as ICU Space Runs Out, COVID Cases Surge: ‘We Are At a Breaking Point’**  
  – Inside Tucson Business –
- **Novant Limits Some Elective Surgeries. System Gets Its First Doses of COVID-19 Vaccine**  
  – Winston-Salem Journal –
- **Hospitals Running Short on Beds as COVID Surges**  
  – Meadville Tribune –
- **COVID-19 Surge Threatens Charlotte Hospital Capacity. Top Doctors say ‘We need help.’**  
  – Greensboro News & Record –

We know that our greatest need in the short term is financial support for staffing; staffing we may need to recruit at a national level. One of the problems the pandemic has created is sufficient access to staffing...The growing number of staff on quarantine only further exacerbates the shortage. It’s a perfect storm we are living in right now.

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