

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. 1)

**98,691**  
COVID-19 hospitalizations

 (2,638 more than yesterday)

Source: [covidtracking.com/data/national](https://covidtracking.com/data/national)

**18.7%**  
Year-to-date reduction in hospital operating margins through October

Source: Kaufman Hall National Hospital Flash Report: November 2020

**10.2%**  
7-day average positivity rate

Source: [coronavirus.jhu.edu/testing/individual-states](https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/testing/individual-states)

**13,728,154**  
total COVID-19 cases in the U.S.

Source: [coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html](https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html)

**270,691**  
total COVID-19 deaths in the U.S.

Source: [coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html](https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html)

**Highest inpatient bed occupancy rates (all patients):**

1. RI – **89.34%**
2. MD – **79.27%**
3. DC – **78.83%**
4. NV – **77.26%**
5. ND – **75.68%**

(weekly data as of Dec. 1)

Source: [protect-public.hhs.gov/pages/hospital-capacity](https://protect-public.hhs.gov/pages/hospital-capacity)

## FROM THE FRONT LINES

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You can manufacture beds, you can stand up field hospitals, you can put people out on the lawn, but you need staff to care for those patients. That's something that we are struggling with in every health care system that I'm aware of.

Nick Gilpin | Medical director of infection prevention and epidemiology, Beaumont Health in Michigan

## IN THE NEWS

**COVID Overload: U.S. Hospitals Are Running Out of Beds for Patients**

– New York Times –

**85 Hospitals Postponing Elective Procedures Amid the COVID-19 Resurgence**

– Becker's Hospital Review –

**Hospitals Lose Money, Volume as COVID Fears Keep Patients Away**

– Bloomberg Law –

**Hospitals in 25 U.S. States Face Staffing Shortages Amid Surging COVID Cases, Study Shows**

– Newsweek –

**'Close to Being Overrun.' North Texas Hospital That Hit COVID Capacity Sends Warning**

– Star Telegram –

**COVID-19 Pushes Rural Hospitals to Their Limits**

– Wall Street Journal –