

Advancing Health in America

COVID-19 Snapshot

Challenges Confronting America's Hospitals and Health Systems (Feb. 11, 2021)

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 Feb. 10)



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The COVID-19 pandemic has truly exacerbated the many challenges that Thomas Health has faced including the opioid epidemic, rising supply and labor costs along with lower hospital reimbursement. As a health system that entered and emerged from bankruptcy during the pandemic, if these issues are unaddressed locally, and nationally, this will lead to further financial erosion of our hospitals with more failing and closing.

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