COVID-19 Snapshot
Challenges Confronting America’s Hospitals and Health Systems
(Feb. 25, 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.  
(As of Feb. 24)

441.1 per 100,000 in population
cumulative hospitalization rate
(as of 2/13)
Source: gis.cdc.gov/grasp/COVIDNet/COVID19_3.html

17%
year-over-year increase in drug expenses per adjusted discharge in 2020
Source: www.aha.org/guidesreports/2021-02-23-covid-19-2021-potential-effect-hospital-revenues

$53B - $122B
in potential revenue losses for U.S. hospitals in 2021
Source: www.aha.org/guidesreports/2021-02-23-covid-19-2021-potential-effect-hospital-revenues

28,336,782
total COVID-19 cases in the U.S.
Source: coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html

505,945
total COVID-19 deaths in the U.S.
Source: coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html

States with the highest ICU bed utilization (all patients):
(as of 2/19)
1. AL – 88%
2. GA – 87%
3. RI – 86%
4. DC – 84%
5. TX – 83%
Source: protect-public.hhs.gov/pages/hospital-capacity

FROM THE FRONT LINES

It’s just an uncomfortable spot. You know you’re doing everything you can, and that patient just needs more. Sometimes your best isn’t enough if you don’t have the right resources.

Mary Ellen Pratt  |  Chief executive officer, St. James Parish Hospital, Lutcher, Louisiana

IN THE NEWS

COVID-19 is pushing struggling rural hospitals to the brink
– CBS News –

“An emergency on top of a pandemic”: Texas hospital workers scramble as winter storm hampered operations
– Texas Tribune –

Studies find COVID-19 variant first found in California is more contagious
– The Hill –

Kaufman Hall: Hospitals could lose between $53B and $122B this year due to pandemic
– Fierce Healthcare –

See How Covid-19 Has Tested the Limits of Hospitals and Staff
– New York Times –

US hospital revenue could be down between $53 billion and $122 billion from pre-pandemic levels
– CNN –