

# COVID-19 Snapshot

Challenges Confronting America's Hospitals and Health Systems  
(March 11, 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 March 10)

**462.2** per **100,000** in population  
cumulative hospitalization rate  
(as of 2/20)

Source: [gis.cdc.gov/grasp/COVIDNet/COVID19\\_3.html](https://gis.cdc.gov/grasp/COVIDNet/COVID19_3.html)

**24.7%**

year-over-year decrease in  
hospital ED visits

Source: [www.kaufmanhall.com/consulting-services/national-hospital-flash-report](https://www.kaufmanhall.com/consulting-services/national-hospital-flash-report)

**4.8%**

year-over-year decrease in hospital  
gross operating revenues

Source: [www.kaufmanhall.com/consulting-services/national-hospital-flash-report](https://www.kaufmanhall.com/consulting-services/national-hospital-flash-report)

**29,156,467** total COVID-19 cases in the U.S.  (393,679 increase over the last 7 days)

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

**529,269** total COVID-19 deaths in the U.S.  (10,077 increase over the last 7 days)

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

**States with the highest ICU bed occupancy rates (all patients):**  
(as of 3/8)

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| 1. TX – <b>85%</b> | 4. DC – <b>80%</b> |
| 2. DE – <b>82%</b> | 5. MO – <b>79%</b> |
| 3. AL – <b>81%</b> |                    |

Source: <https://beta.healthdata.gov/Health/COVID-19-Community-Profile-Report/gqxm-d9w9>

## FROM THE FRONT LINES

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As we all know, hospitals are the center of their communities. Our community trusts us and looks to us in times of crisis. There is no one more motivated than us to end this pandemic. We have been on the front lines for over a year. We can do as many doses as we can get, for as long as we need to get to herd immunity. We understand our role in this and want to be on the forefront of population health.

Michael Stapleton, Jr. | President and Chief Executive Officer, Thompson Health, Canandaigua, NY

## IN THE NEWS

**‘Unspeakable challenges’:  
COVID-19 forced St. Louis-area  
hospitals to adapt quickly**  
– St. Louis Post-Dispatch –

**‘Safety Net’ Hospitals That  
Often Treat Chicago’s Most  
Vulnerable Communities Face  
Dire Financial Strain**  
– WBEZ Chicago –

**Fauci warns U.S. COVID cases  
may ‘plateau again at an  
unacceptably high level’**  
– CNBC –

**ICU physician shortage will  
push hundreds of US counties  
into crisis, analysts predict**  
– Beckers Hospital Review –

**Rural Iowa counties hit hardest  
in COVID-19’s first year**  
– The Gazette –

**Central Ohio hospitals focus  
on caring for the caregivers amid  
COVID-19**  
– The Columbus Dispatch –