COVID-19 Snapshot
Challenges Confronting America’s Hospitals and Health Systems
(April 29, 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 April 28)

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<td>Total COVID-19 cases in the U.S.</td>
<td>32,232,267</td>
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<td>Increase over the last 7 days</td>
<td>(377,761)</td>
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<td>Cumulative hospitalization rate</td>
<td>531.5 per 100,000</td>
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<td>Increase year-to-date in hospital drug expenses per adjusted discharge</td>
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<td>Decrease year-to-date in hospital emergency department visits</td>
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States with the highest ICU bed occupancy (all patients): (as of 4/26)

1. MI – 84%
2. TX – 83%
3. RI – 82%
4. PA – 81%
5. DE – 81%

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

FROM THE FRONT LINES

“Special federal funding was appreciated but not nearly enough to make up for the losses. I am hopeful that within five years the financial impact of the pandemic can be recovered from sustained, improved performance.”

Alan Garrett | President and CEO of Carson Tahoe Health

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- **Oregon in fourth wave with latest COVID-19 case surge, PSU experts say**
  – KATU 2, ABC Portland –

- **Some health insurers ending waivers for COVID treatment fees**
  – NBC News –

- **Rural Hospitals Work To Decrease COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy**
  – KDKA 2, CBS Pittsburgh –

- **Indian COVID-19 Variant Found in U.S., Across Globe as Foreign Help Arrives**
  – Wall Street Journal –