

Advancing Health in America

COVID-19 Snapshot

Challenges Confronting America's Hospitals and Health Systems (October 14, 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.

3,136,539

cumulative confirmed COVID-19 hospital admissions (August 1, 2020 – October 11, 2021)

Source: covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#new-hospital-admissions

20.7%

increase in hospital purchased service expenses (including contract labor) compared to 2019

Source: Sept. 2021 Kaufman Hall National Hospital Flash Report

\$24 billion

in additional labor costs incurred by hospitals compared to pre-pandemic levels

Source: Premier Inc. Al Data

44,685,145

total COVID-19 cases in the U.S.

(624,195 increase over the last 7 days) 719,551

total COVID-19 deaths in the U.S.



(11,423 increase over the last 7 days) States with the highest number of COVID-19 hospital admissions over the last 7 days:

(as of 10/10)

1. TX - **4,727** 4. CA - **2,846**

2. FL - **3,140** 5. PA - **2,298**

3. OH - 3,039

Source: COVID-19 Community Profile Report | beta.HealthData.gov

Source: coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html

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FROM THE FRONT LINES



"Staff are working to the highest levels and the best of their abilities, but we could use more people, and they're not out there for us to get."

Rachelle Schultz | CEO of Winona Health in Minnesota

IN THE NEWS

A Delta-driven surge is pushing hospitals in North Dakota to the brink

- The New York Times -

Flu practically vanished last year. Now doctors are bracing for potential 'twindemic' of flu and covid-19 spikes

- The Washington Post -

Available ICU hospital beds in Pa. dip to lowest point since start of pandemic

- WITF (Harrisburg, PA) -

Minnesota COVID-19 Positivity Rate Hits Vaccine-Era High

- Associated Press -

Hospitals brace for an onslaught this winter, from flu as well as COVID

- NPR Health News -

'COVID is not over,' hospital leader says in plea for Utahns to prevent holiday spread

- KLS (Salt Lake City, UT) -

