COVID-19 Snapshot
Challenges Confronting America’s Hospitals and Health Systems
(October 28, 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.

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<th><strong>3,218,236</strong></th>
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<td>cumulative confirmed COVID-19 hospital admissions</td>
<td>decrease in hospital discharges compared to pre-pandemic levels in 2019</td>
<td>increase in average hourly wages for hospital employees between February 2020 and August 2021</td>
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<td>(August 1, 2020 – October 25, 2021)</td>
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<td>Source: Not-for-Profit Healthcare Staffing Shortage Has Long-Term Effects</td>
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<th><strong>45,705,656</strong></th>
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<th>States with the highest number of COVID-19 hospital admissions over the last 7 days:</th>
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<td>total COVID-19 cases in the U.S.</td>
<td>total COVID-19 deaths in the U.S.</td>
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<td>1. TX – 3,199 4. PA – 2,237</td>
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<td>(501,040 increase over the last 7 days)</td>
<td>(9,797 increase over the last 7 days)</td>
<td>2. CA – 2,922 5. FL – 1,948</td>
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<td>Source: JHU</td>
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<td>3. OH – 2,315</td>
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FROM THE FRONT LINES

“Over the last nine weeks, none of them (the nursing and medical leaders) have gotten a full night’s sleep. They’re on call, 24-7, managing the pandemic.”

Margo Karsten | CEO of Banner Health’s northern Colorado region

IN THE NEWS

Hospitals struggle with drug shortages as supply chain issues persist
– CBS News –

‘This Is A Wakeup Call’: Colorado Governor Says State Is Running Low On ICU Beds Due To COVID Cases
– CBS News Local (Denver, Col.) –

About 1,500 patients waiting for elective surgeries in Portland as COVID cases strain hospitals
– Portland (Maine) Press Herald –

COVID cases falling, but trouble signs arise as winter looms
– Associated Press –

Michigan reports 7,505 new COVID-19 cases, 118 additional deaths over two-day period
– ABC News Local (Detroit, Mich.) –

Alaska reports 11 COVID-19 deaths and near-record hospitalizations Tuesday
– Anchorage Daily News –

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