

COVID-19 Snapshot

Challenges Confronting America's Hospitals and Health Systems

(January 13, 2022)

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.

3,896,946

cumulative confirmed COVID-19 hospital admissions
(August 1, 2020 – January 10, 2022)

Source: CDC | COVID Data Tracker

118%

increase in the 7-day average number of COVID-19 hospital inpatients over the last month
(as of 1/12)

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

37%

increase in drug expenses per adjusted discharge in November 2021 compared to pre-pandemic levels in 2019.

Source: Dec. 2021 Kaufman Hall National Hospital Flash Report

63,205,421

total COVID-19 cases in the U.S.
(as of 1/13)



(5,502,925 increase over the last 7 days)

Source: JHU | COVID-19 Dashboard

844,565

total COVID-19 deaths in the U.S.
(as of 1/13)



(12,753 increase over the last 7 days)

Source: JHU | COVID-19 Dashboard

States with the highest percent increase in COVID-19 admissions from the prior week:
(as of 1/10)

1. MT – **80%**
2. AK – **71%**
3. VT – **69%**
4. ID – **68%**
5. CA – **66%**

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

FROM THE FRONT LINES

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“We're in the midst of our most severe surge that we've experienced. At one time a few days ago, we had 100 people in the emergency department awaiting beds upstairs and that's just an untenable situation; we could not take any more patients at that time. It has really stressed us to the limit. We have more patients now than we have ever had any one point in time.”

Robert Jansen, M.D. | CMO, Grady Health System, Atlanta, GA

IN THE NEWS

Covid-19 Hospitalizations Reported in U.S. Hit New High
– The Wall Street Journal –

Denver Hospitals Full; One-In-Four Tested Are Positive
– Bloomberg Law –

U.S. hospitals see rising COVID-19 rates, strain from staff shortages
– Fox Business –

These 18 States Are Grappling With Critical Hospital Worker Shortages As Covid Hospitalizations Surge
– Forbes –

Pennsylvania Seeks More Hospital Beds, Staff in COVID Surge
– Associated Press –

'People Need to Be Reminded About Flu'
– The New York Times –