

# COVID-19 Snapshot

Challenges Confronting America's Hospitals and Health Systems  
(January 20, 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.

**4,045,319**

cumulative confirmed COVID-19 hospital admissions  
(August 1, 2020 – January 17, 2022)

Source: CDC | COVID Data Tracker

**30.6%**

of reporting U.S. hospitals anticipate critical staffing shortages within the week  
(as of 1/19)

Source: COVID-19 Reported Patient Impact and Hospital Capacity by State

**20.5%**

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

Source: Dec. 2021 Kaufman Hall National Hospital Flash Report

**68,572,066**

total COVID-19 cases in the U.S.  
(as of 1/20)



(5,292,171 increase over the last 7 days)

Source: JHU | COVID-19 Dashboard

**857,781**

total COVID-19 deaths in the U.S.  
(as of 1/20)



(12,598 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 1/17)

1. WY – **56%**
2. SD – **55%**
3. UT – **44%**
4. OK – **43%**
5. MT – **42%**

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

## FROM THE FRONT LINES



“Omicron has more than doubled our covid hospitalizations in the past month...Many departments have temporarily sidelined their duties to help alleviate shortages and additional needs, because fighting covid is our top priority at the moment.”

Mitchell Nail | Media Relations Manager, St. Bernards Medical Center, Jonesboro, Ark.

## IN THE NEWS

**ICUs nearing capacity in at least 18 states**  
– The Hill –

**To Help Battle Covid-19, a Hospital Borrows Tactics From Combat Veterans**  
– The Wall Street Journal –

**Hackers disrupt payroll for thousands of employers — including hospitals**  
– NPR –

**Flu hospitalizations rising as doctors battle omicron-fueled Covid surge**  
– NBC News –

**Kentucky reports all-time highest COVID positivity rate**  
– The Times Tribune –

**Many hospitals are halting nonurgent procedures and relying on the National Guard as Covid-19 hospitalizations rise**  
– CNN –