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# COVID-19 Snapshot

Challenges Confronting America's Hospitals and Health Systems (Dec. 4, 2020)

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 Dec. 3)

100,667 COVID-19 hospitalizations	(441 more than yesterday)	<b>13.5%</b> Year-to-date increase in hospital expenses per adjusted discharge as of October		<b>10.7%</b> 7-day average positivity rate	
Source: covidtracking.com/data/national		Source: Kaufman Hall National Hospital Flash Report: November 2020		Source: coronavirus.jhu.edu/ testing/individual-states	
14,148,719	(217,664 more than yesterday)	<b>276,401</b> total COVID-19 deaths in the U.S.	(2,879 more than yesterday)	Highest ICU bed occupancy rates (all patients):	
total COVID-19 cases in the U.S.				1. NM – <b>103.31%</b> 2. ND – <b>88.81%</b> 3. AL – <b>87.66%</b>	4. TN – <b>85.57%</b> 5. RI – <b>85.28%</b>
Source: coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html		Source: coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html		Source: protect-public.hhs.gov/pages/hospital-capacity	

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Our forecast tool shows that we'll get above 125% of our licensed bed capacity starting about December 4, and that we will continue that for some extended period of time, likely through mid-January.

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### **IN THE NEWS**

COVID-19 hospitalizations pass 100K in US and could double soon; experts fear weary staff will be 'overrun' by patients – USA Today –

New Mexico Hospitals Maxing Out, Only 16 ICU Beds Remain

- KOAT Action News -

'We're Drowning': COVID Cases Flood Hospitals in America's Heartland

- Reuters -

#### New York City Nurse Braces for New Covid-19 Surge. 'Nobody Wants to Do It Again.'

– Wall Street Journal –

Surging Virus Exposes California's Weak Spot: A Lack of Hospital Beds and Staff

#### - New York Times -

Hospital Margins and Volumes Continue to Fall as COVID-19 Rises

- Health Care Finance News -

