

COVID-19 Snapshot

Challenges Confronting America's Hospitals and Health Systems

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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.

4,302,306

cumulative confirmed COVID-19 hospital admissions
(August 1, 2020 – January 31, 2022)

Source: CDC | COVID Data Tracker

65%

increase in the peak 7-day average number of COVID-19 hospital inpatients between January and December

Source: CDC, ASPR, and HHS COVID-19 Community Profile Report

9.9%

increase in average length of stay for patients in December 2021 compared to pre-pandemic levels in 2019

Source: Kaufman Hall Jan. 2022 National Hospital Flash Report

75,682,712

total COVID-19 cases in the U.S.
(as of 2/3)



(2,699,839 increase over the last 7 days)

Source: JHU | COVID-19 Dashboard

894,334

total COVID-19 deaths in the U.S.
(as of 2/3)



(17,210 increase over the last 7 days)

Source: JHU | COVID-19 Dashboard

States with the highest percent increase in COVID-19 admissions during the month of January:
(as of 1/31)

1. ID – **334%**
2. MT – **256%**
3. AK – **253%**
4. AR – **218%**
5. AL – **195%**

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

FROM THE FRONT LINES



“The omicron surge has created the most critical staffing shortage among hospital staff we have seen during the entire pandemic. I worry that the general public doesn't think that COVID is a threat to them, that the omicron variant isn't a threat, but people get very, very sick.”

Greg Crain | President, Baptist Health Medical Center (Ark.)

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Inside a Georgia hospital's ICU, medical staff wages war against omicron

– The Atlanta Journal-Constitution –

Hospitals ask Congress to suspend recoupment of advance Medicare payments

– Becker's Hospital Review –

Report: Maryland short nearly 4,000 nurses

– WMAR ABC Baltimore –

Hospitals felt omicron's full force in late 2021, Kaufman Hall says

– Healthcare Dive –

Rural hospitals struggle to keep up with COVID spike

– WCHS Eyewitness News West Virginia –