


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.

(As of Dec. 7)

**102,148**  
COVID-19 hospitalizations

 (647 more than yesterday)

Source: [covidtracking.com/data/national](https://covidtracking.com/data/national)


**14.7%**  
Year-to-date increase in drug expense per adjusted discharge through October

Source: Kaufman Hall National Hospital Flash Report: November 2020

**10.5%**  
7-day average positivity rate


Source: [coronavirus.jhu.edu/testing/individual-states](https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/testing/individual-states)

**14,956,227**  
total COVID-19 cases in the U.S.

 (192,299 more than yesterday)

Source: [coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html](https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html)

**283,747**  
total COVID-19 deaths in the U.S.

 (1,404 more than yesterday)

Source: [coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html](https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html)

### Highest inpatient bed occupancy rates (all patients):

1. RI - **87.96%**
2. MD - **80.17%**
3. DC - **78.79%**
4. GA - **76.69%**
5. NV - **76.35%**

Source: [protect-public.hhs.gov/pages/hospital-capacity](https://protect-public.hhs.gov/pages/hospital-capacity)

## FROM THE FRONT LINES

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Our health care system is flexing everything we can to meet patient care needs, both COVID-related and other needs. Everything is tight; we are managing minute to minute to meet needs.

David Herman, M.D. | CEO of Essentia Health in Duluth, MN

## IN THE NEWS

**Nurses wanted: Swamped Hospitals Scramble for Pandemic Help**

– AP News –

**The U.S. Has Passed the Hospital Breaking Point**

– The Atlantic –

**As COVID-19 Cases Rise, Some Hospitals are Again Forced to Suspend Elective Surgeries**

– ABC News –

**Vaccines Offer Hope for End to Pandemic, but Brutal Months Lie Ahead**

– Washington Post –

**Alabama Sets Daily Case Record; 1 of 3 in ICU Have COVID-19**

– AP News –

**As COVID-19 Spreads, Indiana ICU Beds Fill: 'We Just Can't Sustain This Pace'**

– CBS Chicago –