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NATIONAL
- 3 tips for managing physician compensation, coverage in the COVID-19 pandemic
- AHA pleads for HIPAA waiver clarification, extension
- AMA trying to save private practices during COVID-19 & more
- CMS clears way for more nursing home COVID testing, even more telehealth use
- CMS expands Accelerated and Advance Payment Program for Medicare
- CMS granting providers advanced Medicare payments
- How to effectively manage your non-acute care supply chain
- Coronavirus Patients Caught In Conflict Between Hospital And Nursing Homes
- Hospitals can bill for treatment outside their four walls in new regulatory flexibility
- Hospitals, Doctors Feel Financial Squeeze as Coronavirus Sweeps U.S.
- Desperate for medical equipment, states encounter a beleaguered national stockpile

NORTHEAST
(Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont)

CONNECTICUT
- Governor Lamont stands united with the state's healthcare system as the state waits for the next surge in COVID-19 cases
- Health care workers falling ill amid lack of protections
- Children's hospital delays surgeries, furloughs 400 workers
- An infant has died from COVID-19 in CT; state turns gymnasiums into mobile field hospitals
- Southern Connecticut Hospitals Reaching Closer to Capacity for COVID-19
- As coronavirus spreads across Connecticut, hospitals try new treatments
- Conn. Hospitals Come Together to Treat COVID-19 Patients, Plea for More PPE
- CT National Guard starts new coronavirus ‘missions’
- A Connecticut doctor turns to 3D printers to make N95 face masks as need grows amid coronavirus crisis
- Possible grace period for health care premiums next for CT
- Overflow hospital to be set up at Southern Connecticut State University

MAINÉ
- InterMed furloughs one-third of its health care workforce
- Fighting coronavirus won't help struggling Maine hospitals pay the bills
Community steps up to help hospital cope with health crisis
EMMC nurses demand more protection to fight coronavirus
Maine’s rural hospitals preparing for surge in coronavirus cases
Maine hospitals face financial crunch but remain focused on coronavirus crisis
Coronavirus tests produced in Maine give results within minutes
A Maine-made coronavirus test gives fast results, but it has limitations
Maine scrounges for medical supplies, but little more is expected from feds

MASSACHUSETTS

Bon Secours, Boston Medical among hospitals forced to furlough workers due to COVID-19
Chief executive at Beth Israel Lahey Health taking 50 percent pay cut for three months
MGH Surgeon Predicts Coronavirus In Massachusetts Will Soon Look Like New York
Massachusetts’ worst-case scenario includes hospitals implementing do-not-resuscitate orders if system is overwhelmed
Nursing home, rehab centers eyed for COVID-19 care
Anticipating surge, Boston area facilities moving residents and patients to set up coronavirus recovery center
Cape Cod Hospital plans to shutter Falmouth maternity unit
Boston’s homeless see first case of coronavirus, city adds 550 more beds
Coronavirus testing booth at Brigham and Women’s hospital reduces PPE, keeps docs safe
Already taxed health care workers not ‘immune’ from layoffs and less pay
Middleboro makerspace crafts face shields for hospitals battling COVID-19
More than 150 Beth Israel Lahey Health employees test positive for coronavirus
Coronavirus in Massachusetts hospitals: Number of workers with COVID-19 doubles
More than 600 Massachusetts hospital workers test positive for COVID-19
Community hospitals in Massachusetts particularly hard hit in coronavirus pandemic
Coronavirus: Limiting gloves, face masks, other protective equipment at hospitals could prove dangerous, Massachusetts nurses say
James Taylor and wife Kim donate $350K to Berkshire Medical Center

NEW HAMPSHIRE

COVID-19 to peak in New Hampshire April 30, according to data projection
Doctors Say Hospitals Are Stopping Them From Wearing Masks
A new kind of house call: Coronavirus leads to increased telemedicine use
LRGH overflow facility set as hospital gears up for surge
In the Lakes Region, paramedics are in short supply
National Guard Prepares Littleton Regional Healthcare For COVID-19 Surge

COVID-19 pandemic cutting wait times at hospital emergency rooms

A Public Health Update One Month In To Managing Coronavirus In N.H.

New study predicts New Hampshire’s coronavirus peak, death toll

New Hampshire gets $147 million in latest virus aid package

Concord Hospital revenue is down $20 million a month as it prepares for COVID-19 surge

National Guard setting up care facility at Keene State

NEW YORK

Coronavirus inspires NY hospital system to make backup ventilators from sleep apnea machines

Inside a NYC hospital on the front lines of outbreak

U.S. Navy hospital ship heading to NYC for coronavirus aid

Nurses Die, Doctors Fall Sick and Panic Rises on Virus Front Lines

‘Thousands of People Will Pass Away’ From Virus, Cuomo Warns

Navy Hospital Ship Comfort Arrives in New York City

Hospital Safety Rules Are Relaxed to Fight Coronavirus

New York state overrules a hospital policy saying mothers must give birth without their partners

76,000 Healthcare Workers Have Volunteered To Help NY Hospitals Fight Coronavirus

Inside a Brooklyn hospital that is overwhelmed with Covid-19 patients and deaths

Army Corps of Engineers convert New York City's Jacob Javits Center into hospital

An emergency field hospital to treat COVID-19 patients is opening in NYC's Central Park

RHODE ISLAND

R.I. tightens restrictions after 2 virus deaths

Rhode Island COVID-19 testing limited, plans to expand this week

Do RI healthcare workers have enough PPE? A local doctor weighs in

RI healthcare workers ordered to wear facemasks while tending to patients

As coronavirus cases rise, R.I. hospitals prep for the challenge

VERMONT

Licenses allowed for out-of-state, retired health workers

At Least Three Dozen Vermont Health Care Workers Have Coronavirus

Police make compliance checks to see if local lodgings are harboring out-of-staters

UVM Health Network shuffles staff in preparation for COVID-19 case surge
Vermont Health Connect opens enrollment to expand insurance coverage

**MID-ATLANTIC/EAST**  
(*Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia*)

**DELAWARE**
- 5 Delaware hospitals with the best nurse-patient communication scores
- Carney: Delaware could see 3,000 coronavirus cases, 500 hospitalizations in coming weeks
- ChristianaCare employees test positive for COVID-19; hospital won't say how many

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**
- Children's National Hospital begins drive-thru pediatric testing for coronavirus
- DC Health To Open Walk-Up Coronavirus Testing Facilities
- GW Hospital sues federal health department alleging violation of Medicare law

**MARYLAND**
- Coronavirus at MD psychiatric hospital poses challenges
- Maryland hospitals prepare for incoming wave of COVID-19 patients
- Maryland hospitals given green light to raise rates on all patients to help pay for COVID-19 response
- Maryland nursing home hit by virus outbreak

**NEW JERSEY**
- Geisinger, New Jersey health system say they are dissolving relationship
- New Jersey couple donates $50,000 to Beebe Healthcare for coronavirus testing
- NJ health care facilities to report daily PPE inventory, bed capacity
- New Jersey Devils make a major donation to health system
- We were going to run out of ICU beds on Wednesday, Murphy says
- 7 hospitals in North Jersey had to divert patients after reaching capacity

**PENNSYLVANIA**
- Geisinger, New Jersey health system say they are dissolving relationship
- Geneia promotes Heather Lavoie to CEO
- Local nursing homes saw violations in past three years
- Pennsylvania hospital facing April 1 shutdown gets support from governor
- Pennsylvania hospital overbilled Medicare by $3.3M, inspector general finds
- Pennsylvania rushes to relax health care regulations ahead of coronavirus peak
Pennsylvania seeking retired healthcare professionals

Pennsylvania to allow retired health care professionals to assist COVID-19 response

Philadelphia unable to use local hospital for coronavirus patients due to steep rent cost

Steps a Philadelphia nursing home is taking to keep residents safe

'This is healthcare's Amazon moment': Dr. Stephen Klasko's 5 predictions on healthcare delivery post-COVID-19

With an eye on ICU beds, Pa. hospitals prep for surge in coronavirus patients

**VIRGINIA**

- Fredericksburg-area hospitals prepare for ‘rapid increase in positive cases’
- Hospitals prepare for overflow, but state leaders won't disclose key planning details
- Northern Virginia hospitals preparing for coronavirus surge
- Virginia hospitals prepare for overflow, but state leaders won't disclose key planning details

**WEST VIRGINIA**

- Beds empty, revenues slowed at hospitals in West Virginia; CAMC announces hours reduction measures
- CAMC cutting hours; hospitals having revenue flow issues
- Hard hit West Virginia nursing home reporting 28 virus cases
- West Virginia Hospital Announces Closure Amid Pandemic
- West Virginia hospitals prep for virus surge

**CENTRAL**

(Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota)

**IOWA**

- Internal coronavirus report says some Iowa hospitals are not sharing enough information
- Iowa governor signs new public health emergency declaration
- Thousands of health care workers are furloughed, laid off in US as routine patient visits drop during coronavirus pandemic
- Gov. Kim Reynolds urges Iowans to sew masks as state is in dire need of supplies
- Doctors Say Hospitals Are Stopping Them From Wearing Masks
- University of Iowa Health Care pushing toward COVID-19 treatments
- Coronavirus peak expected in Iowa in 2-3 weeks, public health officials say

**KANSAS**

- Health official expects coronavirus to peak in Kansas in mid-to-late April
- Sen. Jerry Moran announces grants to help treat, prevent COVID-19 in KS
- Gov. Laura Kelly signs bill with $65 million for virus response; state reaches 130 cases, 3 deaths
Kansas hospital cuts pay as coronavirus strains providers
Kansas health officials confirm another Life Care Center coronavirus outbreak
Kansas health providers face financial strain from COVID-19. ‘We need help now’

MINNESOTA

- Minnesota resident, former Medicare director says battling coronavirus could take 6 to 10 weeks
- Essentia laying off 500 employees
- Here's why Minnesota doesn't have enough hospital beds right now
- 1 in 5 COVID-19 cases in Minnesota are health care workers, MDH says
- State shops for temporary hospital space
- Children's Minnesota will take young adults during COVID-19 fight
- Hospitals moving to protect frontline care workers
- Minnesota rushes to add new hospital beds for COVID-19 surge
- Hospitals begin to cut staff, cut hours before patient surge
- MNA raising concerns about healthcare working conditions
- Tri-County Health Care suspends new hospital project
- 9 questions with a rural hospital CEO

MISSOURI

- As virus spreads, STL area hospitals ration protective gear for health care workers
- Boone Hospital, BJC set plans for transition to independent status
- Catholic Hospitals Celebrate New CEO, New Awards
- Doctors Say Hospitals Are Stopping Them From Wearing Masks
- Health care workers union sends demands to Gov. Parson
- Hospital-poor rural Missouri braces for the coronavirus
- Here's when COVID-19 could peak in Missouri and Illinois
- Hospitals accused of firing health workers who speak on COVID-19 equipment shortages
- Missouri COVID-19 case count grows by triple digits
- Kansas City Health Care Workers and Hospitals Struggle to Prepare As COVID-19 Ramps Up
- Missouri DHSS speeds up testing for health care workers
- Missouri hospital system responds after purported nurse ‘painted a disturbing picture’ about conditions
- Nurses At Kansas City's HCA Hospitals Say They Aren't Getting Enough Protection From COVID-19
- SSM Health continues to hire through crisis
SSM responds to claims that COVID-19 cases are overwhelming SLU Hospital, ER doctor dying

Telehealth program connects Missouri doctors in the fight against COVID-19

‘They’re scared’: Doctors lack safety gear in fight against coronavirus in KC region

While hospitals brace for heavy demand, Missouri’s community clinics are losing revenue

**NEBRASKA**

- Temporary surge tent at Nebraska Medical Center just one of the ways hospitals prepare for virus
- Ricketts Loosens Requirements On Hospitals, Nursing Homes To Fight Coronavirus
- Local hospitals prepare for potential surge of patients and need of hospital beds
- New Executive Order Assisting Healthcare Facilities
- Bryan Health Utilizes ‘Germ-Zapping’ Robots For Coronavirus Cleaning
- COVID-19 model for Nebraska shows range of deaths and health care demands
- ‘Our members are at war with COVID-19’: Nebraska health care workers ask for cooperation

**NORTH DAKOTA**

- Rural critical access hospitals in North Dakota face ‘daily struggle’ to make ends meet, and coronavirus isn't helping
- With low numbers of ventilators in North Dakota, medical officials worry about resources
- Three Sanford Fargo Employees Test Positive for COVID-19
- Researchers: North Dakota has adequate hospital bed capacity for virus; 171 deaths anticipated
- Sanford Health takes more safety precautions as three employees test positive for COVID-19

**SOUTH DAKOTA**

- COVID-19 cases rising in South Dakota, Wyoming
- South Dakota gets new COVID-19 testing equipment
- A look at the patchwork regulation across South Dakota to combat COVID-19
- Projections show South Dakota peak a few weeks away; 200+ deaths possible if strong social distancing measures are enacted
- Sanford Health COVID-19 employee aid plan includes cash payments

**MIDWEST**

(Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin)

**ILLINOIS**

- CMS approves expansion of Illinois health services
- Here’s when COVID-19 could peak in Missouri and Illinois
- Illinois Gov. Pritzker says feds sent wrong health equipment in latest PPE order
- Illinois to reopen Sherman Hospital
Shuttered Elgin hospital could reopen to treat coronavirus patients

INDIANA

- Holcomb Details Plan for COVID-19 Spike
- Hospitals ‘burning through’ protective gear to fight COVID-19 turn to ‘extreme measures’
- Indiana, hospitals preparing for surge of COVID-19 patients in weeks ahead
- Indiana, Michigan officials seeking help from licensed healthcare professionals
- Indiana not detailing ICU capacity as coronavirus cases grow
- Lilly to Delay New Clinical Trials
- Local hospitals look at opening extra facilities to prepare for possible surge of patients
- Riley Hospital Creates Relief Fund
- Telehealth Helping to Examine Rural Patients for Virus

KENTUCKY

- 45 Norton Healthcare employees have tested positive for coronavirus
- Beshear signs more than 35 bills amid pandemic, many related to health care
- Coronavirus surge: How ready are Kentucky’s hospitals to handle the coming storm?
- Dozens of local hospital staffers testing positive for coronavirus
- Eastern Kentucky hospital system furloughs 500 workers amid coronavirus outbreak
- Federal legislators: $1.7M awarded to Kentucky health centers to address coronavirus
- Hospital system furloughs 500 workers amid financial strain
- How this Kentucky outpatient clinic is readying for the expected spike of COVID-19
- Let's discuss hospital readiness in Louisville
- Louisville hospitals face ‘serious situation’ of keeping supplies of protective gear
- Norton execs say 45 employee virus infections in line with system's size
- Norton Healthcare isolates 282 workers exposed to coronavirus

MICHIGAN

- A letter from a Michigan hospital system details who would get life-saving resources if equipment runs short during the coronavirus pandemic
- Beaumont Health CEO describes coronavirus pandemic as ‘our worst nightmare’
- Beaumont Hospital in Wayne closing ER, non-coronavirus patients to be moved as cases surge
- Beaumont Wayne emergency room closing as hospital system prepares for more coronavirus (COVID-19) patients
- Detroit hospital systems and WSU collaborate to bring COVID trials to southeast Michigan
- Facing shortages, Michigan asks feds for experimental coronavirus drugs
Furloughs, pay cuts, benefit trims hit Michigan hospitals during COVID-19 outbreak
Greater Lansing hospitals say they are prepared for coronavirus patients from outside region
Henry Ford Allegiance Health accepts coronavirus patients from other hospitals
Henry Ford Health letter on rationing ventilators is for ‘worst-case scenario’
Henry Ford hospital reports 19 positive coronavirus cases as of Sunday
Here’s Why Beaumont Hospital’s Emergency Room In Wayne Is Closing
How Beaumont Health is using patient data, tech to manage COVID-19: 4 Qs with CIO Hans Keil
McLaren Northern Michigan to expand isolation units in case of COVID-19 patient surge
Michigan and Louisiana are becoming virus hot spots — their governors warn supplies are already running out
Michigan health leaders plea for ventilators, saying hospitals need thousands more
More Michigan healthcare workers are getting sick. What happens when there’s a shortage?
Report: Michigan Hospital ICU At Capacity Due To Coronavirus
Scramble underway to find more space, staff as southeast Michigan hospitals near their limits
Spectrum Health looks to hire ‘hundreds’ to prepare for coronavirus surge
Trinity Health to furlough 2,500 employees in Michigan
West Michigan’s largest hospital system could exceed capacity in early May, CEO says

OHIO

16% of Ohio’s coronavirus cases are healthcare workers
26% of Cuyahoga County’s coronavirus cases are health-care workers
Columbus Hospital Systems Announce Joint Surge Location for Coronavirus Response
Coronavirus in Ohio: Meet UC Health doctor on front line of hospital response to COVID-19
Coronavirus: Health care workers fear protective gear shortage as Ohio cases climb
Is Toledo prepared to handle a potential overflow of Michigan patients?
Officials: Atrium Medical Center set for potential patient surge due to coronavirus
Ohio community centers, hotels, dorms could be used to increase hospital capacity
Ohio company providing housing for Cuyahoga County health care workers to avoid exposing family to coronavirus
Ohio hospitals facing $1.2B monthly revenue drop from suspending elective procedures during pandemic
Ohio is divided into 8 hospital regions, but what if your coronavirus hospital is outside your insurance network?
UTMC CEO accepts job with Mercy Health

WISCONSIN

Ascension Wisconsin won’t bill uninsured for COVID-19 tests, treatments
How ready are Appleton’s hospitals for a surge of coronavirus patients? Here’s a look at their plans
Madison hospitals add COVID-19 capacity to ERs

Marshfield Clinic Health System to play role in COVID-19 lab testing

Wisconsin gets critical supplies from National Stockpile

Wisconsin physician assistants want to ‘step up’ to fight coronavirus. State regulations may be getting in the way.

Wisconsin’s nursing shortage in the spotlight as hospitals face influx of COVID-19 cases

**SOUTH/SOUTHEAST**
*(Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee)*

**ALABAMA**
- Alabama hospitals need personal protective equipment as COVID-19 surge approaches
- Alabama nursing homes seeing increase in COVID-19 cases
- Apple CEO Tim Cook donates 200,000 masks to Alabama’s health care workers
- As COVID-19 cases increase, medical staffing shortages a concern
- At least 6 Alabama nursing homes have coronavirus patients, report says
- Huntsville Hospital CEO: Busiest hospital in the state, can’t get access to testing materials

**FLORIDA**
- ‘Absolute unknown territory’: Alabama hospitals brace for coronavirus onslaught lacking resources
- Ascension plans new hospital in Florida
- After years of focus on profits, South Florida hospitals face biggest challenge in a generation
- Federal inspectors eye Florida long-term care facilities
- Florida's long-term care facilities face big worries and few answers about coronavirus testing
- Four Tallahassee doctors reflect on local coronavirus fight before the expected ‘surge’
- In the face of a pandemic, Miami’s hospitals are going from competitive to cooperative
- Lee Health reports Gulf Coast Medical Center expansion will open Thursday
- Some Northeast Florida hospitals cutting back hours after order from Gov. DeSantis
- Nurse at Jackson Memorial Hospital Dies From Coronavirus

**GEORGIA**
- Atlanta hospitals overwhelmed by coronavirus patients
- Feds charge Georgia man with orchestrating COVID-19 billing fraud scheme
- Georgia hospital worker with coronavirus found dead at home with her child by her body
- Georgia’s hardest-hit hospital says its intensive care units are filled with ‘critically ill’ coronavirus patients
- HCA West Florida names new Palms of Pasadena CEO
Hospital works to support rattled health care workers

How coronavirus infection rates may squeeze Georgia’s ICU hospital beds

MISSISSIPPI

Baptist Hospital-North Mississippi “closely monitoring” COVID-19 patient situation

Is Mississippi’s hospital system prepared to handle COVID-19 cases?

More than 750 cases of COVID-19 in Mississippi, health officials report

Moss promoted to CEO of Merit Health Jackson market

NORTH CAROLINA

As coronavirus threatens NC nursing homes, have they planned for the worst?

Asheboro seeks new hospital suitor after Cone rejection

Blue Cross names Anthem health exec as new CEO

Cone Health ends talks to take ownership of Randolph Health

Duke Health Shares Some Plans for COVID-19 Surge

Duke lands $50 million to focus on protection for health care workers

Duke University Health System Issues Public Comment on Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Proposed Rule

Hospital leaders tell legislators about revenue challenges

Mission, area hospitals share plans

More than 5,000 surgery centers can now serve as makeshift hospitals during COVID-19 crisis

NC executive order aims to get equipment to health care workers, schools, local governments

North Carolina governor signs order for health workers, schools to get protective equipment

North Carolina health system furloughs 300 employees

Pandemic puts extra financial strain on rural North Carolina hospitals

Rural hospitals facing issues much bigger than ventilators

Rural hospitals preparing for delayed spike in COVID-19 cases

SOUTH CAROLINA

34 MUSC Health employees have tested positive for COVID-19

Bon Secours beginning to redeploy, temporarily furlough employees amid virus outbreak

How many SC hospital workers have coronavirus? State officials don’t know

MUSC hires Zaas to lead new division; Summerville Medical hires CEO

Roper St. Francis sees largest one-day spike in COVID-19 cases since testing started

Study ranks South Carolina 14th-worst for worst hospital capacity
TENNESSEE

- As coronavirus spreads, Tennessee looks to shuttered hospitals as unlikely saviors
- Hardin Medical Center to open external ER to screen for COVID-19, reduce potential spread
- How COVID-19 has affected Envision Healthcare
- Nashville's largest hospital is seeking temporary nurses
- Prisma Health's North Greenville Hospital temporarily closing emergency department to shift staffing
- Rep. Jim Cooper says Tennessee is 22 days away from peak hospital rescue use
- Tennessee hospital to temporarily close
- Vanderbilt Medical Center confirms 86 employees have tested positive for COVID-19

SOUTH-CENTRAL/SOUTHWEST
(Arkansas, Arizona, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas)

ARKANSAS

- More health care providers shifting to telehealth to help stop the spread of coronavirus
- Severe coronavirus cases on pace to overwhelm ICU availability in urban and rural areas
- Baptist Health prepares for furloughs amid COVID-19
- Private lab in Arkansas offering COVID-19 testing through drive-thru clinic
- Unity Health Medical Center prepares for infected patients with 32 bed COVID-19 unit
- Rural hospitals benefit from Arkansas House bill

ARIZONA

- National Guard airlifts resupply to Kayenta as Arizona prepares for surge of COVID-19 patients
- Coronavirus in Arizona now ‘widespread,’ could peak in late April
- Rural residents’ access to hospitals is already a problem. Coronavirus could make it worse
- Flagstaff Medical Center makes room for COVID-19 care
- Winslow Doctor Speaks About Coronavirus On Navajo Nation
- Banner Nurses, Docs on COVID-19 Frontlines Say They’re ‘Treated As Expendable’
- Nursing homes are coronavirus risks. In Arizona, about half have been cited for past infection control issues

LOUISIANA

- $8.9 million in funding for medical services, research headed to Louisiana
- Michigan and Louisiana are becoming virus hot spots — their governors warn supplies are already running out
- Now 28 long-term care facilities in Louisiana identified as COVID-19 clusters, LDH says
- Governors warn that state healthcare supplies and hospitals could be overwhelmed as soon as early April
Insurance Commissioner Jim Donelon issues rule on medical surge-related patient transfers

Local healthcare workers fighting more than just COVID-19

Another avalanche of new Louisiana coronavirus cases, deaths reported Wednesday

New Orleans doctors scramble as coronavirus deaths, cases soar

In Louisiana’s coronavirus fight, everyone from doctors to crafters needed as volunteers

New Orleans convention center being turned into coronavirus recovery center

Scammers attempting to bilk hospitals during trying times

47 Louisiana long-term care sites seen as virus ‘clusters’

Mourning one of their own, Louisiana nurses must protect themselves, advocate says

Facing surge of patients, New Orleans VA transfers veterans to Mississippi

Baton Rouge General Mid City opens as coronavirus surge center, needs doctors and nurses

Louisiana Gov. Edwards plans to extend ‘stay at home’ order to April 30

As death toll grows, coronavirus hits home in East Baton Rouge; ‘our lives will never be the same’

NEW MEXICO

New Mexico hospitals dealing with national shortage of medical supplies

New Mexico hospitals prepare for ‘tsunami’

CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Health System Finalizes CTMC Acquisition

Las Cruces mayor Ken Miyagishima asked to declare state of emergency

Getting ready for outbreak’s peak in New Mexico

UNM students launch website to connect volunteers to healthcare workers

OKLAHOMA

Tulsa’s St. John Hospital Says It Is First In Oklahoma To Begin Research Trial For COVID-19 Treatment

Gov. Stitt amends executive order to require travelers from 6 states to self-quarantine

Local health care pros deal with national PPE shortage

Already Taxed Health Care Workers Not ‘Immune’ From Layoffs And Less Pay

COVID-19 expected to peak in Oklahoma in 6 to 8 weeks

Oklahoma hospital workers claim they’re not allowed to wear masks amid pandemic

TEXAS

Dallas nursing homes and assisted living centers are the new coronavirus battleground

Is Dallas ready for a spike in COVID-19? ‘We’ve got the manpower now’

Dallas ‘Curve Rising’ With 100 New COVID-19 Cases; Two More Deaths Wednesday
The time has come | Texas health care organizations urge Gov. Abbott to issue statewide stay-at-home order

El Paso Children’s Hospital employee becomes 2nd local healthcare worker diagnosed with virus

Houston hospitals ‘running down every lead’ to procure medical supplies

COVID-19 In DFW: How The Spread of Coronavirus Is Affecting North Texas

Arlington senior living facility upset hospital didn’t share COVID-19 test results

Texas expands travel restrictions, launches pop-up hospital as coronavirus spreads

Toyota begins making face shields to send to Texas hospitals

Gov. Abbott To Open Dallas Convention Center As Healthcare Facility, Halt Release Of ‘Dangerous Criminals’ Due To COVID-19

DFW Providers Prepare for Patient Displacement

Amid coronavirus pandemic, will retired nurses and new nursing grads offset shortage?

Associations for Texas hospitals, nurses urge Abbott for statewide stay-at-home order

NORTHWEST

ALASKA

An Alaska hospital executive downplayed the COVID-19 threat in an email to staff. She’s no longer on the job.

‘Numerous’ health care workers among Alaska’s confirmed COVID-19 cases as tally rises by 10

Planners in Anchorage brace for surge of COVID cases with more hospital space, mortuary preparation

IDAHO

Coronavirus update: Idaho has 320 COVID-19 cases 2 days after passing 200 diagnoses

How Idaho’s health care workers are dealing with a scarcity of N95 masks

Idaho hospital using surgery center for COVID-19 testing

MONTANA

Bozeman Health reaching out to those possibly exposed to Covid-19

Coronavirus cases on the rise in Montana

How Bozeman’s frontline health care workers are responding to COVID-19

Montana hospitals cancel elective procedures

OREGON

12 OHSU staff test positive for coronavirus, more tests pending

Bright.md raises $8M for virtual healthcare service that can help with COVID-19 related care

FEMA shipment of masks, gloves due for Oregon distribution

Health officials confirm 69 new coronavirus cases in Oregon, state total at 548 patients
Oregon hospitals say there's no surge in COVID-19 patients, yet
Oregon nurses worried about lack of personal protective equipment
Portland ICU nurse fears hospitals are being dangerously stingy in an effort to preserve PPE
Providence, Legacy report 18 health care workers test positive for coronavirus

WASHINGTON

- Doctor loses job after criticizing hospital’s virus response
- WA nurses and health care workers demand safe working conditions during COVID-19 pandemic
- Washington nursing home faces $600K+ fine, loss of CMS funding after 37 COVID-19 deaths

WYOMING

- St. Johns sets up transfer agreement with 8 regional hospitals
- New model projects Wyoming hospitals won't be overrun by virus, but scores will still die

WEST

(California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah)

CALIFORNIA

- California inks $30M lease deal to add 486 hospital beds for COVID-19 patients
- California now says it needs 50,000 more hospital beds to meet coronavirus surge
- In California, protective equipment shortage pushes nurses to consider drastic action
- Coronavirus hospitalizations have doubled in California over last three days
- Three fundamentals of the hospital 'surge' in California

COLORADO

- Bay Area hospital desperately needs coronavirus supplies: ‘I see a disaster on the brink of happening’
- Colorado doctors turning to telemedicine as coronavirus concerns keep patients away
- Colorado hospitals are preparing their doctors and nurses for an all-hands-on-deck coronavirus fight
- Denver Emergency Physician On Coronavirus: ‘Chasing Our Tails Trying To Catch Up’
- Fresno’s doctor shortage just cost the county 100 coronavirus emergency hospital beds
- ICU beds in Colorado: Report shows hospital totals as of 2018
- ‘If they have enough, where are they?’ Colorado nurse worried about hospital’s mask supply
- More than 50 infected with virus at California nursing home
- Mountain hospitals "in good shape" with absence of tourists
- These nine Colorado nursing homes have coronavirus outbreaks. A 10th has not been identified
- UCHealth University of Colorado Hospital could be days from PPE shortage, doctor says
HAWAI'I
- Hawaii Doctors Battle State Health Department Over COVID-19 Testing
- Hawaii health director says some physicians ‘closing up their practices’
- Hawaii to get at least $4B in federal coronavirus aid
- North Hawaii Community Hospital seeks masks, other gear
- University of Hawaii researchers identify drug that may help COVID-19 patients

NEVADA
- Freestanding ER set to open this fall in southeast Las Vegas
- Las Vegas health care workers share the good, the bad and the worst to come
- Las Vegas’ shortage of acute care beds in hospitals points to looming crisis as outbreak spreads
- Nevada still struggles to secure healthcare supplies, relying on private donors

UTAH
- Are Utah hospitals ready for coronavirus? Here's why we don't know.
- Did Intermountain Healthcare employees get pay cuts?
- Does Utah have enough hospital, ICU beds to treat projected COVID-19 patients?
- Intermountain Healthcare to cut pay for some medical staff amid coronavirus pandemic
- Retired general now leads Utah’s coronavirus response; health director reassigned over medical concerns
- Utah health officials looking at possible sites for temporary hospitals
- Utah leaders are exploring pop-up hospital sites as coronavirus cases top 400