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NATIONAL

- 18 ASCs acquired in 2020 so far
- 25 most environmentally friendly hospitals, ranked by Practice Greenhealth
- 42 hospitals closed, filed for bankruptcy this year
- 15 statistics on physician assistant pay in 2020
- 33 hospitals, health systems planning new ASCs this year
- AHA asks for COVID-19 public health emergency to be extended
- AHA News: CMS releases inaugural-year evaluation of BPCI Advanced
- Are hospitals billing COVID-19 patients? Here's what we found out.
- Around the nation: CMS announces proposal to encourage value-based drug pricing
- CMS might not learn much from BPCI Advanced, new report says
- DOJ raises False Claims Act civil penalties
- Fauci hopeful for a vaccine by late 2020, early 2021
- GAO report finds insufficient staffing of HHS emergency responders
- HHS hasn't delivered \$72B in bailout funds to hospitals, Senate report says
- HHS to tackle COVID-19 health disparities through \$40M initiative
- Hospitals lose lawsuit against HHS over price disclosure rule
- $\circ~$ House coronavirus panel investigates cause of nursing home outbreaks
- $\circ~$ In blow to hospitals, judge rules for HHS in price transparency case
- Only 26 US states give guidance on allocating ventilators
- Nursing homes represent more than 1 in 4 COVID-19 deaths in U.S.
- Telehealth After COVID-19: Privacy, Security Considerations
- US News says it erred in children's hospital specialty rankings
- $\circ~$ Where 20 health systems are investing innovation dollars in 2020
- White House preps for 2nd wave; AHA calls for emergency declaration extension 4 COVID-19 updates

ALABAMA

- About 70% of Alabama nursing homes have COVID-19 case
- $\circ~$ ADPH, UAB developing COVID-19 app to help track cases



- Alabama Hospital Association concerned about statewide ICU bed shortage during COVID-19 pandemic
- Rise in coronavirus cases brings new concerns in Alabama
- These Alabama nursing homes added new coronavirus cases in June, federal data shows

ALASKA

- Fairbanks health workers test positive for COVID-19 as Interior Alaska numbers increase
- Reshaping Healthcare: What We Can Learn From Alaska

ARIZONA

- Arizona, Florida, California and Nevada report record-high single-day increases in coronavirus cases
- Banner nurses in Colorado help Phoenix hospital with COVID-19 cases
- Phoenix VA selects Dr. Alyshia Smith as new executive director
- Tucson's hospitals managing a health-care crisis as beds fill with coronavirus patients
- COVID-19 cases in Arizona top 63,000 with nearly 20,000 in last 7 days
- What do AZ hospital CEOs say about COVID-19 response?
- Arizona 'Overwhelmed' With Demand for Tests as U.S. System Shows Strain
- \$100M Creighton University Phoenix campus marks 'topping out'

ARKANSAS

- Alleviant Health Looking to Hire as It Expands
- Campaign to encourage central Arkansans to seek non-COVID care
- Positive COVID-19 tests at Magnolia nursing home explode Columbia County numbers
- Arkansas BCBS, hospitals team up for digital marketing campaign encouraging a return to hospitals
- Arkansas hospital CEOs address hospitalizations amid coronavirus pandemic
- Hospital officials warn coronavirus models point to capacity concerns

CALIFORNIA

- All University of California Health children's hospitals ranked among the nation's best
- Arizona, Florida, California and Nevada report record-high single-day increases in coronavirus cases
- California Hits New High In COVID-19 Hospitalizations
- California hospital admitting only COVID-19 patients as outbreak ravages state's breadbasket
- California hospital medical staff sues Dignity Health over contract terminations
- California hospital wants to admit only COVID-19 patients as staff tests positive
- California nurses at HCA-owned hospital issue strike notice



- Counting the dead: Nursing home COVID-19 data a 'tangled mess'
- HCA nurses issue 10-day strike notice at California hospital
- $\circ\;$ Kaiser Permanente joins Civica Rx to supply generic drugs
- $\circ~$ Understaffed California hospital 'senselessly' furloughing nurses, union says

COLORADO

- A nursing home under siege: Coronavirus pushed facility to limit as it preyed on Colorado's most vulnerable
- $\circ~$ Banner nurses in Colorado help Phoenix hospital with COVID-19 cases
- Children's Hospital Colorado ranked top hospital for pediatric GI, GI surgery
- Children's Hospital In Aurora Ranked No. 6 In Nation On 'Best Children's Hospital' List
- · Colorado loosens coronavirus guidelines, but keeps preparing for the worst
- $\circ~$ Colorado company wins FDA approval for COVID-19 clinical study
- Colorado nursing homes with residents dying amid coronavirus outbreaks struggled to meet protocols, inspections show
- COVID-19 cases rise as hospitalizations remain low in Colorado
- Empty Colorado Convention Center field hospital wants more money
- $\circ~$ Front Range hospitals, health systems collaborate on COVID-19 care
- Report: Colorado ranks low on physicians, hospital beds per capita
- State to receive crisis counseling money from FEMA
- Two Centura Health Hospitals Ranked Among Newsweek's "World's Best" for 2020

CONNECTICUT

- $\circ\;$ New York, New Jersey, Connecticut require quarantine for visitors from viral hot spots
- Hartford HealthCare 'reassessing' its plans for \$24 million renovation of downtown Hartford office complex amid pandemic
- Yale New Haven Health: CT'S COVID-19 Trajectory is One Other States Would Like to Have

DC

- DC area must remain vigilant as coronavirus numbers fall, expert says
- DC nurses demand hazard pay during pandemic
- $\circ~$ Metro DC area's burn center sees spike in visits since quarantine began

DELAWARE

- $\circ~$ Delaware Enables EHR Integration of PDMP Data for Patient Safety
- $\circ~$ COVID cases up in Delaware, but so is testing
- Delaware Grows Partnership with Appriss Health to Integrate Prescription Monitoring Program Into its Electronic Health Record System via PMP Gateway Solution



FLORIDA

- Arizona, Florida, California and Nevada report record-high single-day increases in coronavirus cases
- As outbreak hits Brandon nursing home, Congress investigates owner
- $^{\circ}\,$ As hospitals fill with coronavirus patients, Florida wants to know who is in the ICU beds
- · Baptist Hospital CEO says 'surge' in COVID-19 patients evident in all three hospitals
- Central Florida coronavirus hospitalizations rising
- · Cleveland Clinic Florida CEO resigns to take leadership job with private company
- Congress wants answers from Brandon nursing home about COVID-19 deaths
- FDOH: Miami-Dade has state's 2 most deadly long-term care facilities during coronavirus pandemic
- Florida Cancer Center Starts \$400M Expansion
- Florida changes ICU reporting
- Florida hospitals filling up, encountering new kind of coronavirus patient
- Florida hospitals have the capacity to handle coronavirus uptick, leaders say
- Florida nursing homes to test staff for COVID-19 every 2 weeks under emergency rule
- Florida physicians fear telephonic health care will disappear with COVID-19
- Homestead Hospital's ICU at Capacity, Baptist Health Officials Say
- New Florida health center to include ASC
- Rennova centralizes hospital operations
- St. Cloud hospital, Orlando Health sale expected this summer
- What 3 hospital leaders are seeing amid COVID-19 surges in Texas, Florida

GEORGIA

- Atlanta hospital reopens outpatient services
- Atlanta nursing home chain among those targeted in congressional probe
- AU Medical Center settles false claims act investigation for \$2.6M
- Former employee fraudulently used Georgia hospital funds to buy 100 guns
- Georgia Heart hospital tax credit program
- Georgia hospital adds robotic system for knee replacements
- Georgia hospital investigates medical records theft, suspends employees
- Georgia lawmakers approve limiting unexpected medical bills
- Nurses accuse Georgia hospital of manipulating COVID-19 test results
- Nurses file COVID-based lawsuit against Athens hospital



- Nurses file lawsuit against Athens hospital for falsifying COVID-19 test results
- Savannah hospitals see increase in COVID-19 hospitalizations

HAWAII

- It's Never Been Safer To Enter Hawaii Hospitals
- Kona Community Hospital receives \$5M from feds
- $\circ\;$ Second highest spike in cases since pandemic began; Waipahu cluster linked to a pastor

IDAHO

- Bonner General Health employee tests positive for COVID-19
- Saint Alphonsus CEO named influential executive in 'Modern Healthcare Magazine'
- St. Luke's Nampa opens new medical office building

ILLINOIS

- 36 Chicago health providers pledge to fight 'public health crisis' of racism
- Advocate Aurora Health distributes 1M+ masks to individuals, organizations in Wisconsin, Illinois
- AMITA St. Joseph Nurses Ready To Walk After Filing Strike Notice
- Austin Oasis Nursing Home Struggles With Coronavirus Outbreak As 111 People Test Positive
- Beaumont Health In Talks Of Partnership With Advocate Aurora Health System
- Chicago allocates \$7M in funding to ASC development
- Ferrell Hospital names Dirk Morgan as CFO
- Illinois announces another 45 coronavirus deaths as nursing home cases continue to rise
- Lurie Children's Hospital Not Ranked in Top 10 Children's Hospitals for Second Year
- Southern Illinois Healthcare adds programs to connect patients and visitors
- St. Anthony's nursing home in Rock Island fined by Illinois Department of Public Health
- U of I, Carle Health partner to create PPE products

INDIANA

- \$16M needed to test state's nursing home staff, residents
- $\circ~$ Indiana health system to close rehabilitation hospital in August
- Indy Company Testing Health Security Technology
- Nursing home company celebrating 1,000 COVID-19 recoveries
- Purdue Team Trying to Extend Life of N95 Masks
- Quest Diagnostics to Acquire MACL, Expand in Indiana



IOWA

- At lowa nursing home where 11 residents died of COVID-19, employees worked while showing symptoms, inspectors say
- Eastern Iowa Nursing Home under fire for COVID-19 care; operates facilities in Siouxland
- U of Iowa Hospitals workers to give up PTO or take furloughs to offset losses
- 12 UI athletes have COVID-19, UI Health Care financials 'trashed' by the virus
- Univ. of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics cutting pay but not jobs to offset COVID-19 losses
- Two Sioux City hospitals are treating 34 COVID-19 patients
- Some hospitals consider staffing cuts as healthcare systems take big financial hit amid COVID-19 pandemic

KANSAS

- ValueHealth gets a new CEO & more
- Kansas City hospital union asking for better protection, equality during COVID-19 outbreak
- Kansas hospital ends physician group contract after 26 years
- Kansas hospital pauses physician contract switch
- Coronavirus updates: Kansas jumps 406 cases, five deaths from COVID-19 over weekend

KENTUCKY

- How a Kentucky nursing home fought to keep its residents alive through the pandemic
- Kentucky Hospital Association: It's Safe to Return to Hospitals
- Kentucky settles long-running rural dispute with hospitals over Medicaid
- Nursing-home inspections became shorter when pandemic hit, and found almost no infection-control issues
- T.J. Samson reaccredited in chest pain care
- UPS has a new facility in Louisville to distribute coronavirus supplies for FEMA

LOUISIANA

- Louisiana gets tougher with nursing homes over virus testing
- Many Louisiana nursing homes aren't following coronavirus guidelines. Sanctions might be next.
- Ochsner Health seeing uptick in young COVID-19 patients, CEO says
- A 'signal' that coronavirus is spreading again in Louisiana? Rise in hospitalizations, officials say
- LWCC Foundation provides \$500K to hospitals
- Eyeing a 2nd coronavirus surge, here's what Louisiana doctors learned from the 1st 'tsunami'
- Ongoing pandemic causing financial stress for hospitals say experts

MAINE



- Maine reports 53 new COVID-19 cases, highest daily total in 2 weeks
- Maine CDC Reports Another Death, 23 More Cases Of COVID-19 In Maine, As State Continues To Reopen
- Northern Light Health provides update on COVID-19 testing
- Maine health agencies say virus causing financial crises as they seek stimulus money
- Maine health care company settles False Claims Act charge
- $\circ~$ Maine hospitals also battling financial losses in fight against COVID-19 ~

MARYLAND

- Baltimore hospital to tweak design of \$108M expansion due to COVID-19
- How do Maryland's coronavirus trends stack up to other states'? Things look good so far, but danger isn't over.
- Johns Hopkins taps Microsoft cloud platform for precision medicine initiative
- Maryland hospital wins 15 healthcare advertising awards
- Maryland physicians, specialists urge CareFirst to reimburse phone appointments
- MedStar Southern Maryland wins 15 national advertising awards

MASSACHUSETTS

- Hospital Freezes Wages; CEO Will Take a 25 Per Cent Pay Cut
- Life Care fired staffer who revealed nursing home nightmare to Reuters
- Massachusetts hospital cuts CEO pay, freezes wages
- Falmouth Hospital defends decision to close maternity, pediatric units
- Inside Boston Hospitals, A Reckoning With Racism
- Despite FDA approval, Massachusetts nurses say N95 decontamination process is unproven
- Mass. hospitals face \$6B loss by summer's end
- Fear Of COVID-19 Kept Heart Attack Patients From Seeking Help. Doctors Fear It Cost Lives

MICHIGAN

- 9 pharmacists charged for role in \$12.1M health care fraud scheme
- 2 de novo ASCs under development in Michigan
- Beaumont Health in talks about creating multi-state health system
- Beaumont Health In Talks Of Partnership With Advocate Aurora Health System
- Beaumont to reduce bed count at Wayne hospital
- · Henry Ford Health System and MSU address healthcare disparities through partnership expansion plan
- $\circ~$ Medstar to become ambulance provider for McLaren Bay
- $\circ~$ Michigan declined nursing home leader's idea to put COVID-19 patients in vacant centers



- Rep. Whiteford plan improving access to telehealth signed into law
- Report: Michigan hospitals shorted \$130K per COVID-19 patient in federal aid
- State lawmakers weigh changes for nursing home residents recovering from COVID-19

MINNESOTA

- Mayo Clinic to restore pay, end furloughs months early
- With COVID Cares phone line, Minnesota mental health professionals offer support in time of crisis
- · Children's Minnesota reaffirms need to address structural racism, health disparities, among other issues
- Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota Announces Recent Additions to Board of Trustees
- June 23 update on COVID-19 in MN: Deaths approach 1,400; ICU cases stable
- Essentia Health to assume operations of Minnesota hospital in August
- With COVID Cares phone line, Minnesota mental health professionals offer support in time of crisis
- New Minnesota data shows even wider racial gap in COVID-19 hospitalizations, deaths

MISSISSIPPI

- Bill proposes Mississippi center to boost rural telehealth
- HCA to sell only Mississippi hospital
- Mississippi Doctor Gets 4 Years in Health Care Fraud Scheme
- Mississippi posts COVID-19 data after 5-day delay
- Mississippi sees highest-ever daily increase of COVID cases

MISSOURI

- Hospitalizations up but otherwise encouraging COVID-19 report from hospitals for June 20
- Missouri nursing home COVID-19 deaths climb to 305 in new federal report
- St. Louis task force data shows inpatient hospitalizations increasing, ICU patients decreasing
- New \$25 million hospital planned for southeast Missouri's Bootheel; old facility to be demolished
- How the 3 largest nonprofit health systems fared in Q3
- Petition calls on University of Missouri Health Care to give more info on layoffs
- · UMKC Medical School Expands Program To St. Joseph, Missouri, With Aim Of Addressing Rural Doctor Shortage
- MU Health Care to open clinic in Missouri town that lost hospital
- KC metro hits record high new COVID-19 cases as virus sees resurgence across US
- Kansas City hospital union asking for better protection, equality during COVID-19 outbreak
- Rural hospitals face uncertain future in pandemic



MONTANA

- Montana's New COVID-19 Cases Include Care Facility Resident
- Montana receiving health care training funds
- State health team explains case clusters, rapid spread in Montana

NEBRASKA

- CHI Health: Second wave expected, but not as many hospitalizations
- CHI Health officials talk COVID-19 pandemic and projections
- Jim McKee: A history of hospitals in Lincoln

NEVADA

- Arizona, Florida, California and Nevada report record-high single-day increases in coronavirus cases
- Nevada has new daily high in COVID-19 cases for 2nd straight day
- Nevada sees largest single-day increase in COVID-19 cases with 445, nearly 6K tests conducted Friday
- $\circ~$ Volunteers answer call to bolster Nevada's health care system

NEW HAMPSHIRE

- NH long-term care facilities prepare to accept visitors
- Dartmouth Study: Rural N.H. Prepared Strong Response to COVID-19
- Stimulus checks lead to rash of overdoses in New Hampshire, Vermont
- HCA New Hampshire establishes hotline to help recently unemployed get health insurance coverage
- Dartmouth College report finds rural Vermont, NH adapted well to pandemic
- New Hampshire Coronavirus: 4 More Deaths; 15 New Infections
- As COVID-19 Shifts Life Routines In N.H., Patterns Of Death Change, Too

NEW JERSEY

- $\circ~$ 3 New Jersey health systems tap Chris Christie for lobbying
- $\circ~$ Bayonne Medical Center staff voices support for CarePoint transaction
- New Jersey private equity firm continues to expand Philadelphia-area nursing home portfolio
- $\circ\,$ NJ hits top ranking in coronavirus analysis, showing positive trends and signs of hope
- $\circ~$ These N.J. doctors gave their lives fighting coronavirus. Loved ones share their stories.

NEW MEXICO

- New Mexico hospital under review over profiling allegations
- News report spurs probe of New Mexico hospital's COVID-19 screening



- o New Mexico COVID-19 Cases Now At 10,838 With 7 More Deaths And 4,874 Patients Recovered
- More patients in New Mexico ICU beds, not all due to COVID-19

NEW YORK

- New Glen Cove Hospital unit to aid recovering Covid-19 patients
- NYC Health + Hospitals announce on-site treatment for post-acute care facility residents
- NYU Langone creates virtual service to access cancer specialists
- 'It's about being more agile to meet business needs': Mount Sinai CIO Kristin Myers outlines opportunities in digital transformation
- Powerful N.Y. nurses union demands NYPD money be diverted to hospitals and new taxes on the rich
- Oak Street Health expanding to New York, Mississippi
- New York, New Jersey, Connecticut require quarantine for visitors from viral hot spots

NORTH CAROLINA

- Amidst COVID-19, some NC hospitals may soon run out of room
- Atrium submits new \$2B bid to buy North Carolina hospital
- Erlanger lays off CEO at hospital
- Estimates show uneven stress on hospitals across the state from COVID-19
- For five days in a row this week, NC saw record number of hospitalizations
- In public hearing on New Hanover Regional, dueling opinions about partnership
- State cites nursing home hit hard by pandemic
- Western Carolina Hospital CEO among Erlanger leadership layoffs

NORTH DAKOTA

- Sanford Health consolidating pathology services at former PRACS lab in south Fargo
- Microsoft engineer's football app adopted as statewide contact tracer in North Dakota
- CHI St. Alexius Health Bismarck Nurses with the Minnesota Nurses Association to picket June 25
- North Dakota's Sunday COVID-19 numbers

ΟΗΙΟ

- Cleveland Clinic cancels raises, faces \$500M revenue shortfall
- Cleveland Clinic CIO Matthew Kull on how coronavirus disrupted operations for the better
- Cleveland Clinic cutting costs in face of \$500 million in lost revenue due to COVID-19
- Cleveland Clinic names first chief caregiver officer
- Dayton-area CEO named among most influential clinical executives



- · Families of nursing home residents implore DeWine to improve protections, allow visits
- Local hospitals start to bring back furloughed employees
- New diagnostic center speeds up cancer diagnosis
- Ohio hospitals already preparing if state sees second wave of COVID-19
- Ohio pediatric vaccines drop by 45% during coronavirus pandemic, hospital official reports
- U of Cincinnati College of Medicine to furlough 940 employees

OKLAHOMA

- OU Medical Center listed among 100 Great Hospitals in America
- Spread of coronavirus continues to increase in Oklahoma, South Carolina
- Surge in Oklahoma virus cases was expected after reopening
- COVID Pandemic Jeopardizes Vote On Oklahoma Medicaid Expansion
- Hospital preparing for a possible surge in COVID patients
- Record Number of Tulsa Virus Cases Not Yet Linked to Rally
- State, health officials keep close eye on rising COVID-19 hospitalization numbers
- OBI seeing increase in hospital requests for convalescent plasma to treat patients suffering severe symptoms of COVID-19

OREGON

- A deeper look at Oregon's COVID-19 hospitalizations
- Legacy Health suspends practice of handcuffing, arresting non-violent patients for trespass after complaints about Black woman detained
- Oregon Insurers Agree To Expanded Telehealth Coverage Through 2020
- Salem Hospital employees testing positive for COVID-19 increase

PENNSYLVANIA

- Alarming spike in COVID-19 cases among residents and employees at Manorcare York South
- Brighton nursing home put majority of residents in 'immediate jeopardy' amid covid-19 outbreak, state survey says
- Furloughs, layoffs likely at Philly-area hospitals as virus leads to financial blow
- Hacker arrested for stealing, selling PII of 65K hospital employees
- HHS awards \$3.4 million to Pennsylvania for health care workforce growth, training
- Inspection at Beaver County nursing home found residents were in 'Immediate Jeopardy'
- Pa. will give \$175 million to lead coronavirus response inside nursing homes
- Penn State Health to acquire hospital from Geisinger
- Pennsylvania system 'tops off' hospital featuring spine and joint center



- Philadelphia-area health system says it 'isolated' a malware attack
- Pocono field hospital being dismantled
- Report: Nearly 12% of Pennsylvania hospital admissions 'potentially preventable'
- The terms of a health-care divorce: Here's what AtlantiCare will do to split from Geisinger
- $\circ\,$ These 5 Lancaster County nursing homes were fined in connection with past citations

RHODE ISLAND

- Providence nursing home to close permanently due to coronavirus impact
- Rehabilitation Hospital to return to for-profit status in new joint venture
- RI nursing home caregivers rally at State House to urge immediate passage of safe staffing legislation
- Rhode Island Sees 22% Increase in Drug Overdose Deaths
- Doctor: RI could see second spike in COVID-19 cases as states reopen
- RI reports three additional coronavirus-related deaths

SOUTH CAROLINA

- Record 1,291 new virus cases in South Carolina, 10 new deaths
- Spread of coronavirus continues to increase in Oklahoma, South Carolina
- NIH grants U of South Carolina big data health center \$1.25M to combat COVID-19
- UofSC Big Data Health Science Center receives \$1.25 million grant to fight COVID-19

SOUTH DAKOTA

- $\circ~$ South Dakota hospital regains Medicare contract after 2 years
- South Dakota COVID-19 active cases fewest since start of tracking
- · South Dakota reports first case of inflammatory syndrome, three coronavirus deaths
- $\circ~$ South Dakota COVID-19 recoveries outstrip new cases

TENNESSEE

- CHS in the headlines 9 latest stories
- Erlanger ends COVID-19 furloughs, executive pay cuts
- HCA sells hospital, exits southern state
- HCA to sell only Mississippi hospital
- Hospitals express deep concerns about processes used to compensate doctors, new survey shows
- Tennessee hospital commended for spine surgery, joint replacements
- Tennessee reports single day record for coronavirus cases



- Vanderbilt not stressed by COVID-19 patients even as number of positive tests rise
- UT Medical Center recognized for specialty services

TEXAS

- Hospital CEOs from Houston's Largest Hospital Systems Discuss Capacity and COVID-19 Surge Plans
- Medical office building breaks ground on Woman's Hospital of Texas campus
- $\circ~$ Nursing homes, health care providers seek protection from COVID-19 lawsuits
- South Padre Island to get hospital
- Texas Children's admits adult patients as COVID-19 cases surge
- $\circ~$ Texas governor issues exec order suspending elective surgeries in 4 counties
- Texas HHS Announces New Chief Operating Officer
- West Coast University to move healthcare campus from Dallas
- What 3 hospital leaders are seeing amid COVID-19 surges in Texas, Florida
- Governor Abbott Issues Executive Order Expanding Hospital Capacity
- Anthony Villagran named CFO of Medical City Healthcare's McKinney hospital
- South Padre to have hospital, medical center
- Dallas hospital's COVID-19 vulnerability index shows social factors as leading cause of disparities
- Some Texas hospitals reinstate 'no visitors' policy as COVID-19 cases surge
- Dallas County Reports Record COVID-19 Hospitalizations, Adds 445 Cases, 7 More Deaths Tuesday
- Texas Children's Hospital Starts Admitting Adult Patients As Coronavirus Cases In The State Soar To Record Levels
- BCBS of Texas president is out: 4 things to know

UTAH

- Intermountain delays hospital opening by 6 months
- Intermountain Healthcare postpones Spanish Fork Hospital opening
- Is hospital capacity a concern, given the surge of coronavirus cases in Utah?
- Primary Children's Hospital ranked Best Children's Hospitals in America
- \circ Utah hits new record increase in coronavirus cases 643 for the second day in a row
- Utah nursing homes could discharge patients refusing coronavirus test under bill
- Utah's hospitals will reach capacity in the coming weeks, doctors say

VERMONT

- $\circ~$ UVM Health Network cuts physicians' benefits to save money
- Vermont hospital employees seek implicit bias training, racism acknowledgment



Stimulus checks lead to rash of overdoses in New Hampshire, Vermont

VIRGINIA

- \$50M expansion planned at Hanover hospital
- Advocates say some nursing home residents are suffering as lockdowns continue
- $\circ~$ Alliance of Va. hospitals adds daily trend line data to COVID-19 dashboardtaret
- Hospital association lends support to UVa's Sorensen Institute
- Northam changes position, releases nursing home virus data
- Sentara Healthcare unveils Brock Cancer Center in Norfolk
- U of Virginia Medical Center asks state to reduce couple's tax refund to pay 20-year-old medical bill
- Virginia hospitals face long road ahead for reopening

WASHINGTON

- COVID hot spot Yakima County exceeding hospital capacity
- DaVita Makes \$21M Seattle-Area Purchase
- Four Staff Members At Seattle Hospital Test Positive For COVID-19
- 'It's a scary situation': COVID-19 outbreak exceeding hospital capacity in Yakima County
- Overlake hospital said it follows safety gear guidelines, but its policies show otherwise
- UW Medical Center closes psychiatric unit amid statewide care crisis
- Virginia Mason Medical Center confirms four COVID-19 cases among operating-room staff
- Virginia Mason Memorial receives nearly \$400k to support telehealth services
- Washington hospital said to be at capacity still has bed space, but lacks staff

WEST VIRGINIA

- Some Hospitals In W.Va. Will Remain Under A 'No Visitor' Policy As State Continues To Reopen
- WV healthcare workers gather at state capitol to end racial stigmas in medical practices
- WVU Reynolds Memorial Hospital opening inpatient psychiatric ward

WISCONSIN

- $\circ~$ 36 nursing homes in Wisconsin report COVID-19 deaths, new federal data says
- Advocate Aurora Health distributes 1M+ masks to individuals, organizations in Wisconsin, Illinois
- Aurora Health Care opens first half of \$130M Pleasant Prairie complex
- Beaumont Health In Talks Of Partnership With Advocate Aurora Health System
- $\circ~$ Wisconsin DHS launches data dashboard to help make informed local decisions



WYOMING

- $\circ~$ Increase Of 24 Coronavirus Cases Pushes Wyoming Total Over 1,000
- Transition in Coal Country: Healthcare crises mount at rural hospitals