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Alabama virus deaths rise as hospital group sounds warning

As stress levels rise, UAB Hospital calls in the dogs

Auburn-area hospital, an original Alabama hot spot, hits peak on coronavirus patients

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Nurses are some of most sought-after employees across Alabama, ADPH says

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Alaska has another record-high COVID-19 count with dozens of cases among seafood workers

As data lags, hospitals say surge in COVID-19 patients has already started

The number of COVID-19 patients in Alaska’s hospitals has been steadily growing for weeks

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Arizona coronavirus count levels off after large weekend jump

Arizona virus toll spikes after review of death certificates

Envision sends clinicians to support Arizona hospital

Disability rights groups file federal complaint about ‘medical rationing’ in Arizona

Dozens of workers at HonorHealth test positive for coronavirus

Banner Health hiring 1,000 nurses, therapists, doctors for Arizona COVID-19 crisis

Veterans' hospitals in Phoenix, Tucson treating non-veteran COVID-19 patients

Arizona healthcare providers urge governor to delay in-person education

Arizona passes 3,000 known COVID-19 deaths as hospitalizations continue steady decline

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- CARES Act panel OKs $7 million for Northwest Arkansas COVID-19 healthcare proposal
- Hospital employees testing positive for COVID-19
- Coronavirus in Ark.: Mask mandate in effect, Arkansas receives $8.2M to help pay utility bills
- National Guard called to help with COVID-19 assistance at Washington Regional
- SALT Health opens new primary care clinic in Northwest Arkansas

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- 619-bed California hospital to join Cedars-Sinai
- AG Conditionally Approves Sale of Lynwood's St. Francis Medical Center
- California health plan email hack exposed info of nearly 36,000 members
- California hospital employees seek to telecommute after patients move into their workspace
- California hospital leaders worry about potential bed shortage as state COVID-19 cases surge to highest in the nation
- California tops 400,000 coronavirus cases; health leader says could be ‘4-5 weeks’ before decline
- Coronavirus updates: Newsom presses Californians to fight spread as ICU beds run low
- Health care system consolidation bill expected to be heard in late July
- How California seized control of two troubled nursing homes as coronavirus crisis loomed
- Military teams sent to five California hospitals amid coronavirus staffing shortages
- Molina Healthcare to Acquire Business Lines of Kentucky Health Plan for $20M
- Nearly 800 California hospital workers launch 5-day strike
- Rise of Fresno's COVID-19 hospitalizations bring FEMA teams, possible makeshift hospital
- Some California Hospitals Are Overwhelmed By Virus Cases
- Survey: 3 in 4 California nursing home workers say staff have had COVID-19
- UC Health creates unified data set to aid COVID-19 researchers

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- Colorado ranks 30th in children’s health care study
- Denver Nursing Home Pushes For More Funding As Cases Uptick
- DOJ settles False Claims Act allegations against drug testing lab
- Not one of the 3,000 Colorado health care workers at this company have picked up COVID-19 from their infected patients
- SCL Health CIO Craig Richardville earns Colorado CIO of the Year award

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- Nursing homes want more emergency beds, state funding, to continue battling COVID-19
Feds hand $274M in coronavirus ‘hot spot’ money to CT hospitals facing $1B deficit
Purdue Pharma spends $134M on lawyers during first 9 months of bankruptcy
Testing glitch leads to 90 false-positive COVID-19 tests in Connecticut: 5 details
Analyzing Connecticut’s response to COVID-19 in nursing homes in anticipation of a second wave
Lawmakers want details on the health of the 90 patients falsely diagnosed with coronavirus
‘Mood is back to normal.’ COVID-19 hospitalizations plummet
Milford administrator named to leadership position at Bridgeport Hospital

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- Children’s National Hospital opens new health care center in Prince George’s County
- New hospital brings hope of easing COVID-19 disparity killing more Black people in D.C.
- Children’s National, UMd. name Covid-19 pediatric device contest winners
- D.C. Council pushes St. E’s, Howard University hospital deals closer to reality

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- As coronavirus took elderly lives, 30% of Delaware nursing homes failed to follow proper steps
- Beebe opens cancer center in Frankford
- Covid-19 deaths tied to long-term care centers unchanged at 333
- Delaware coronavirus cases rise for second day in a row; percentage drops
- Delaware health department accidentally sent PHI to students who shared it during Zoom presentation: 5 details
- Delaware’s positive COVID-19 cases continue downward trend
- Saint Francis invests in new Interventional Radiology Suite

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- Coronavirus in Florida: Interactive map shows hospital ICU bed capacity
- Deltona Health Care nursing home reports 55 coronavirus-case outbreak
- DeSantis quiet on COVID-19 lawsuit protections for businesses, health care providers
- Doctor at JMH says hospital’s ICU at capacity amid COVID-19 surge in Florida
- Florida health system brings back 640 furloughed workers
- Florida hospitals beg feds for more drug as virus cases rise
- Florida nursing homes see dramatic climb in COVID-19 cases; workers hardest hit
- Florida Orthopaedic Institute reports breach affecting 640K individuals
- Florida ranks 25th best in children’s health care study
- Florida reports lowest percent positivity in new cases in nearly a month
- Health Care Workers Becoming Infected With COVID-19
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Lee Health hospitals reach 96 percent capacity
Lee Health reaches capacity, cancer survivor talks pandemic anxiety
Lee Health shoots down erroneous reports
Ron DeSantis enacts new emergency rules on senior COVID-19 patient transfers
Some Brevard hospitals are recruiting temporary nurses as COVID-19 cases spike
Some Central Florida hospitals delaying elective procedures as COVID-19 cases rise
Some ICUs in Florida have run out of beds
South Florida hospitals running out of remdesivir, a potentially life-saving coronavirus drug
Temporary nurses arrive in South Florida to help strained healthcare system
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A third of all cases and deaths from COVID-19 attributed to five metro Atlanta counties
Completion of new hospital wing expected in fall
COVID-19 deaths surge anew in Georgia as hospital beds reach capacity
Daily increase in Georgia COVID-19 deaths is the most in 2 months
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Georgia COVID-19 surge taking toll on hospital workers
Georgia health systems join forces for mask-wearing campaign
Georgia Hospital Worker Sounds Alarm: ‘I Have Never Ever Seen Anything Like This’
Georgia hospitals divert ambulances as reports of full ICUs continue
Georgia records new highest single-day increase in confirmed COVID-19 cases
Georgia’s surprise billing measure signed into law
Judge dismisses lawsuit accusing Georgia hospital of manipulating COVID-19 test results
Navicent Health CEO to retire
North Georgia Medical Center opening new mobile COVID-19 unit
Northside Hospital Cardiovascular Institute adds locations, new physician
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A new COVID-19 testing method shows promise as the state prepares to implement it
Hawaii health officials report 28 new coronavirus cases as statewide total rises to 1,381
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Hawaii State Hospital COVID-19 Cluster Grows
Hawaii Updates: 20 New Cases; State Hospital Case Count Reaches 20
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COVID-19 cases top 14,000 in Idaho
COVID-19 forces Boise's Saint Alphonsus to furlough worker
EiRMC names Chief Medical Officer
ICU fills up at St. Luke's Nampa hospital, meaning patients must be diverted to Boise
Idaho faces a shortage of nurses, health care professionals during coronavirus pandemic
Idaho health system to cut positions, extend some furloughs
Idaho reports multiple deaths in single day from COVID-19 for the fifth time since July 8
Idaho virus surge hits older adults; hospitalizations on the rise
'I'm very concerned': Doctor on Idaho's coronavirus task force worried about continued surge in cases
In Idaho, One Of The Last States Hit By The Coronavirus, Cases Are Now Surging
Portneuf Medical Center appoints new CEO
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St. Luke's Nampa hospital saw ICU fill up with patients
Survey: Idaho among top five states for anti-mask activity

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Chicago hospital workers reach contract deal, avert strike
Here's where each health region in northern Illinois stands as of Tuesday
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Illinois nursing home to start in-person visits soon
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East-side Indy nursing home tops statewide list of resident deaths from COVID-19
IU doctor survives COVID-19, leads team of coronavirus researchers in clinical trials

IU Health had a $631 million net loss in the first quarter

Methodist Hospitals Promotes Doyle to CEO

New Rural Health CEO Talks Goals, Challenges

New state nursing home data show more than 100 additional deaths than previously reported

Nursing home industry asks for immunity from COVID-19 crisis

South Bend area physicians make series of moves to compete with hospitals, drive down costs

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Iowa State Auditor calls Test Iowa reporting chain risky

University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics preparing for potential COVID-19 spike

Iowa surpasses 40,000 positive coronavirus cases

Rise in coronavirus cases brings return of metro hospital visitor restrictions

Fact check: University of Iowa hospital says rumors that ICU was ‘full of COVID cases’ not true

Gov. Kim Reynolds reins in Dubuque’s Test Iowa site, citing unspecified ‘process’ concerns

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Kansas hospital ceases inpatient care

Owner of closed Caney nursing home fined for failing to protect records

Pittsburg man fined for failing to protect nursing home personal information

Via Christi to take over operation of closed Wellington hospital emergency room

Kansas reports more than 1,300 new COVID-19 cases, 8 new deaths

LMH Health employee tests positive for COVID-19; cases in Douglas County increase to 494

Days grow long at nursing homes as virus lockdowns drag on

Officials identify Meadowlark Hills as coronavirus outbreak site

Medical experts dispute claims by Kansas Board of Education member

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As cases grow in Kentucky, COVID-19 testing continues to ramp up

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COVID-19 is spreading in Eastern Kentucky. How one rural hospital system is responding.

COVID relief bill must go beyond funding to address rural Kentucky’s physician shortage

Kentucky is seeing ‘warning signs’ of COVID-19 spike, expert says

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Molina Healthcare's Buyout Deal to Boost Its Base in Kentucky
Norton Healthcare achieves HIPAA compliance and scales telehealth offerings with BeyondTrust
Rival to buy Passport Health Plan, saving jobs and hope for west Louisville headquarters
Settlement means more than $900,000 for state’s Medicaid
Western KY records alarming spike in COVID-19 cases

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Sen. Kennedy announces $1.7 million for Louisiana health providers, including Plaquemines Parish
Louisiana hospital names new CFO, COO
Louisiana hospitals oppose effort to revoke virus emergency
Louisiana mask rule, virus restrictions extended to Aug. 7
Louisiana hospitals are under strain as coronavirus cases surge: ‘Who can come to help?’
COVID-19 hospitalizations increasing statewide, some Louisiana hospitals at capacity
Louisiana to stay in second phase of reopening economy until August 7, hospital capacity remains concern
Tulane University joins CDC’s study of COVID-19 transmission
COVID-19 testing leaves patients with big bill at some New Orleans area hospitals and clinics
Louisiana crosses threshold of 100K confirmed virus cases

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Maine hospitals navigate ‘administrative headache’ in changes to COVID-19 data reporting
Numbers of COVID-19 patients in Maine hospitals sink to new lows
Lewiston, Topsham health systems debate surgical center
MaineHealth Care at Home CEO: When It Comes to Embracing Telehealth, ‘We Don’t Have a Choice Anymore’
Basic supply shortages still hold back Maine coronavirus testing, even as capacity grows
Nonresident COVID-19 cases in Maine remain low
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High-risk older doctor uses robot to treat patients, protect himself from COVID-19
Johns Hopkins’ map won’t be affected as COVID-19 data shifts from CDC
Maryland Department Of Veterans Affairs Surpasses 12K Telehealth Visits In 2020
Maryland elderly healthcare provider hit by data breach impacting 47,000 individuals
Maryland hospitals allow religious visitation after HHS intervention
This hospital cost $52 million. It treated 79 virus patients.
UM Baltimore Washington Medical Center Honored for Patient Safety
UPMC Western Maryland employees test positive for COVID-19

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- A Nursing Home Appeared COVID-Free. Testing Revealed 85% Positive in Four Days
- Baystate finds new partner on Holyoke behavioral health hospital project in Kindred Healthcare
- Baystate Health announces Kindred Behavioral Health as partner in 120-bed, $43 million behavioral health hospital
- MassHealth transportation provider to pay $300K settlement for filing false claims
- Falmouth Hospital outlines more remedial steps for maternity patients
- Hospital Talks Insurance, More With Falmouth Nursey Ward Closure
- Brockton sees largest weekly COVID-19 increase in over a month
- Massachusetts officials, doctors, concerned over CDC coronavirus data streamlining with HHS

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- Beaumont Health CEO, CMO target of no confidence petition
- Bronson Healthcare opens new laboratory facility in downtown Kalamazoo
- Budden to retire as CEO of Priority Health
- Detroit nursing home employees walk out over pay, working conditions
- Henry Ford Health-owned insurer expands
- Here’s what Michigan nursing homes that escaped coronavirus did right
- Michigan hospital opens surgery center in $168M pavilion
- Michigan ranks 26th best in children’s health care study
- Spectrum Health offers alternative financing
- Spectrum Health opening new Women’s Health and Wellness Center in August

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- Kraus-Anderson closes $17.5 million addition to Minnesota hospital
- Gov. Walz issues statewide mask mandate for Minnesota
- COVID-19 death of North Memorial worker prompts OSHA probe
- Millions of N95 respirators, gloves and masks delayed in Minnesota
- Young adults drive new Minnesota COVID-19 cases, and some are getting very ill
- Minnesota Hopes It’s Ready for Coming Coronavirus Surge
- Second University of Minnesota study shows no hydroxychloroquine benefit in COVID-19 fight
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763 new COVID-19 cases in Minnesota

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- 160-bed Mississippi hospital names sports medicine coordinator
- ICU beds fill up as COVID-19 cases surge across the state
- Mississippi coronavirus cases requiring hospital care hit new record
- Mississippi COVID-19 hospitalizations up by more than 50% in weeks
- 'Mississippi has utterly failed to contain spread of the coronavirus,' hospital association says
- Mississippi redoubles efforts to manage hospital capacity amid rising COVID-19 cases
- Official: Mississippi hospitals likely to be overwhelmed
- ‘Phenomenal’ number of Mississippi hospital ICU rooms consumed by COVID-19 patients

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- Boone Health System names new CEO
- Missouri Hospital Association says shift in federal COVID data left them without access to numbers
- Missouri hospitalization data blackout will last another week
- Nursing home coronavirus outbreak in southwest Missouri part of national trend
- Some of the St. Louis region's leading physicians on hope, heartbreak, and how we can move forward
- SSM Health docs react to local upsurge in COVID-19 cases
- Federal COVID-19 data-reporting change leaves states scrambling to adjust
- With CDC Sidelined, Some States Lose Access To Timely COVID-19 Hospital Data
- ‘Suddenly we are dark’: Missouri hospital officials condemn abrupt reporting switch by the White House
- State lacks updated data on hospitalizations
- Pandemic leads to negative credit outlook for SSM Health
- ‘We don’t want to get back to where we were in April,’ says pandemic incident commander
- Health director: Missouri COVID-19 positive rate going up
- COVID-19 admissions in St. Louis area climbing at 'critical rate' as Missouri, St. Louis County report record case increases

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- 62 new cases of COVID-19 in Montana
- COVID-19 cases rise among Montana residents, health care workers

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- Nebraska emergency medical services bill wins final approval
- Nebraska nursing home turned over for temporary operation
Death comes home to Dakota County, one of nation's biggest coronavirus hot spots

'We can always improve' — COVID testing times in Lincoln vary, but officials say speed is key

Mask mandate may be coming, says head of Douglas County Board of Health

Experts: Nebraska must cut COVID-19 transmission rates for schools to open safely

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Las Vegas hospitals add beds, staff to handle spiking COVID cases

Nevada health care providers to get $53 million in federal grants

Nevada ICU occupancy rate concerning to health officials

Nevada Logs 648 New Virus Cases, 1 Death; Rental Aid Offered

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New COVID-19 Outbreak In A New Hampshire Long-Term Care Facility

State launches PSA campaign urging mask use as NH's 400th COVID-19 death announced

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New approaches to coronavirus care have helped lower mortality rate, NJ hospital CEO says

New Jersey ranks 5th best in children’s health care study

N.J. consortium to develop mobile medical units to address health shortages

NJ nurses union decries hospital, state response to pandemic as unprepared

RWJ Barnabas Health forges ahead with remote Epic implementation

University Hospital to deploy mobile medical facilities to areas experiencing disease outbreaks

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Lovelace Health System parent company names new CEO

New Mexico health providers tighten testing criteria amid shortage of supplies

Three New Mexico hospitals temporarily stop asymptomatic COVID-19 testing

New Mexico hospitals treat out-of-state coronavirus patients

Updated New Mexico COVID-19 cases: Now at 17,828
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Doña Ana County marks 13th COVID-19 death

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5,000 nursing home investigations delayed, thanks to Covid-19

COVID-19 stalls St. John's, Montefiore Health System merger

Kaleida cites $25M Cerner EHR expense among reasons for 2019 loss

Sale of Sullivan County nursing home inevitable, says chairman

New York union can't sue hospital over alleged violation of human trafficking law, court rules

New York City expected to significantly increase healthcare construction following pandemic

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NewYork-Presbyterian crafts walkie-talkie and app-based program to foster communication between coronavirus patients, families

How Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center is managing patients with COVID-19

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This Hospital Cost $52 Million. It Treated 79 Virus Patients.

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City-Run COVID-19 Testing Sites Lagging in Results Turnaround

Coronavirus stress among hospital workers leads to creation of 'recharge rooms'

Nanowear Announces COVID-19 Remote Diagnostic Research Collaboration with New York City-Metro Health Systems

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Agency adds new hospital data to COVID-19 dashboard

Asheville hospital sees record number of COVID-19 patients

Atrium Health CEO Gene Woods addresses Senate committee on racial disparities during Covid-19 pandemic

BCBS of North Carolina CEO: Pandemic costs will be 'north of $600M'

Central NC health systems battle outbreaks, but confident of preparations

'I'm really afraid': Nursing homes remain hotbeds for COVID-19 as data shows minimal early inspections, staffing shortages

COVID shutdowns damaging rural hospitals

More than 100,000 people in North Carolina have tested positive for COVID-19

Nash UNC Health Care hires 10 new physicians

Need for health care workers in Raleigh area grows amid COVID-19 pandemic

New DHHS data shows COVID-19 hospital admissions and ICU use across North Carolina

New NC hospitalization data breaks down COVID-19 spikes by region
North Carolina ranks 8th worst in children’s health care study
Novant Health targets southeastern N.C. as region for third core operational flag
Provider partnerships crucial to NC rural hospitals in NW mountains
State reveals more info about COVID-19 hospital cases, but large gaps remain
Triad region has the state's second-highest number of hospitalized COVID-19 patients

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Sanford Fargo hospital expansion unrelated to coronavirus
Health care workers comprise 15% of ND coronavirus cases. Protective wear is their crucial safety net
Altru Health System hires Molmen as interim CEO
Active COVID-19 cases reach all-time high in North Dakota as infections surge in Williston, Grand Forks metros
Surge in coronavirus cases strains Sanford testing capacity, and one group says ND is at 'high risk' of outbreak
North Dakota sets 3 coronavirus records; Burleigh County has 2nd death

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Greater Cincinnati COVID-19 online dashboard reveals encouraging, discouraging trends
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Ohio heading in the wrong direction and ‘could become Florida’ as coronavirus surges, governor warns
Ohio hospitals concerned with providing care, preparing for surge
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Ohio State’s Wexner Medical Center teaming with Mercy Health on Lima transplant clinic
Ohio’s nursing homes can begin outdoor visitation starting Monday
Orthopedic group cut pay for 60 physicians, retained 93% of staff after volumes vanished
OSHA fines three Ohio nursing homes over $40G, issues citation for violating coronavirus standards
Three Dayton-area health centers receive funding to accelerate Covid-19 testing

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Oklahoma Hospital Management Company and Associates To Pay $72.3 Million To Settle Allegations Of False Claims Act Violations
Oklahoma updates hospital surge plan as coronavirus hospitalizations grow
CVS fined for understaffing, prescription errors in Oklahoma

Oklahoma hospitals dealing with unique challenges as coronavirus cases increase

White House document recommends Oklahoma revert to stringent measures to curb growing coronavirus spread

'Plenty of runway' for COVID-19 surge? Medical pros, state data contradict Gov. Stitt’s characterization

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Butler Memorial Hospital Receives Honor For Maternity Care

Disparities abound in reporting nursing home COVID-19 deaths

Geisinger ranked nationally on list of Best Maternity Care Hospitals

Geisinger settles lawsuit over NICU infections that killed 3 infants

Hospital chief: Beating COVID-19 is a team effort

Hospital Workers Demand Temple University Health System Provide Hazard Pay

Pa. Court Says Hospital Had Duty To Warn Of Patient's Threats

Pa. Health Dept. Reports 711 Coronavirus Cases As Statewide Total Rises To Over 101,000

Pa. nursing home data used to track covid-19 deaths, cases riddled with errors

Pennsylvania hospital closes clinic after employee tests positive for COVID-19

Pennsylvania ranks 14th best in children’s health care study

Pennsylvania’s governor is granting hazard pay to workers in hospitals, grocery stores and other essential jobs

Pittsburgh hospitals want you to know routine medical care is safe, despite COVID-19

Temple University Hospital workers seek hazard pay

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UPMC and University of Pittsburgh participate in Operation Warp Speed

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NBC 10 I-Team: Nursing home employees worked while unknowingly positive for COVID-19

Emergency order shields RI nursing homes from COVID-19 lawsuits

State signs $1.3M contract for ‘redesign’ of Slater Hospital
5 Rhode Island Hospitals Awarded $71.3M From CARES Act Funds

RI launches 2nd antibody testing program

Flags ordered half-staff as RI virus deaths surpass 1,000

Out-of-state residents account for 3% of COVID-19 cases in RI

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COVID-19 admissions continue to rise at Beaufort Co. hospitals

Hospital use data not shared as S.C. hospitals switch to new federal reporting system

MUSC expert assisting state with Remdesivir distribution

Orangeburg hospital calls on SC National Guard to build COVID-19 overflow tent

Roper St. Francis nurses collecting iPads for patients to connect with families

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South Carolina drugmaker funnels $215 million into vaccine production center

South Carolina health system's contract with Cigna expires

South Carolina hospitals struggle with staffing as COVID-19 cases rise

South Carolina ranks 34th best in children's health care study

South Carolina sets one-day COVID-19 case record with 2,335

Trident Health provides latest COVID-19 update

Unemployment plummets in SC as hospitals warn crisis looming

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Coronavirus surge causing delays for test results in South Dakota

Broad Changes Still Needed Within U.S. Indian Health Service to Prevent More Abuse, Task Force Finds

South Dakota State Medical Association urges South Dakota schools to require masks

JULY 23rd: 66 new cases of COVID-19 reported in South Dakota

South Dakota reports 2 new COVID-19 deaths; toll now at 118

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Doctors prep for even lower hospital capacity, Tennessee Hospital Association remains optimistic

Envision sends clinicians to support Arizona hospital

Gov. Lee Announces Additional $115 Million for Local Governments to Support COVID-19 Response

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Vanderbilt continues COVID-19 program aimed at reducing readmission
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Williamson Medical Center reports ‘critical staffing situation,’ cancels some elective surgeries

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- Telehealth Filling in the Gaps During Pandemic
- Texas Hospitals Head Towards Full Capacity Due To COVID-19 Uptick
- Survival potential will determine whether South Texas county hospital takes in COVID-19 patients
- Texas Covid-19 hot spot is facing a ‘tsunami’ of patients, overwhelming hospitals
- Amarillo hospitals say we’re in 2nd COVID-19 surge, express concerns over capacity and staff
- Dallas County sets grim record of 30 deaths from COVID-19 as Texas posts its own one-day high of 197
- Death rate staggering in South Texas; calls for ‘hazard pay’ for healthcare workers
- Coronavirus kills another 1,000 in Texas in just 10 days
- More Than Half Of COVID-19 Deaths In San Antonio Area Have Been Reported In July
- Rural Hospitals Hang on as Pandemic Reaches Smaller Communities
- Rural hospitals prepare ‘for the worst’ as COVID surges through Texas
- Memorial Hermann, other northwest Houston hospitals adjust to ‘stressful surging moments’ of COVID-19 pandemic
- Record number of Texans hospitalized with coronavirus
- Cellphone data implies many Texans were not social distancing during COVID-19 surge

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- Utah-based Merit Medical to pay $18 million settlement in lawsuit claiming doctor kickbacks
- Utah health care company to drop Dixie from hospital’s name
- Utah hospitals not equipped for surge in COVID-19 cases, analysis says
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- Vermont hospital cuts addiction treatment to cut costs
- VDH COVID-19 Update: Two new cases, but Vermonters urged to remain smart
- Health officials affirm no COVID-19 outbreak in southern Vermont
Hundreds object to raising health insurance costs during pandemic

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- 90 more COVID-19 patients discharged in Virginia
- Annual emergency preparedness report ranks Virginia at second place amongst all states across the nation
- More than 90 Virginia COVID-19 patients discharged; hospitalizations down slightly
- UVA pushes a pediatric telehealth platform to care for COVID-19 adults
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- DOJ settles False Claims Act allegations against drug testing lab
- Potential Washington hospital merger includes surgery centers
- Seattle Children’s moving Tri-City clinic to bigger spot next spring
- UW Medicine announces layoffs of 100 staff members

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- Texas, West Virginia hospitals set to close this month
- West Virginia hospital announces voluntary severance plan
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