

MARYLAND HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION COVID-19 SNAPSHOT

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Maryland hospitals and health systems continue to push forward and save lives despite tremendous, ongoing strain caused by COVID-19. It is vitally important that hospitals and health systems receive the support and resources necessary to ensure the people of Maryland have access to vital medical care.

Maryland hospitals face historic challenges and unprecedented staffing pressure

More New Cases

Recent **30** days **287,000**

Prior **300** days **267,000**

The past month has seen **more new cases** than the previous 10 months combined

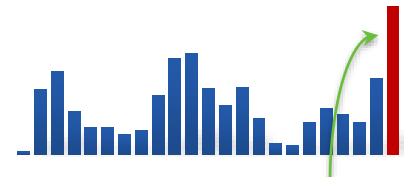
More Emergency Visits

↑ 37%

more emergency visits in Dec 2021 than Dec 2020

ED usage, including boarded patients, hit 2-year highs in December and January

More Total Patients



January averaged **2,603** COVID inpatients per day, **48% higher** than any other month during the pandemic

Labor Costs Spiking

↑ \$453 million

Contract **labor costs** above pre-pandemic levels

Unending Burden

*"Think of a **train wreck every day for weeks on end**. That's what we are dealing with."*

Dr. Gabe Kelen, head of Department of Emergency Medicine and director of Johns Hopkins Office of Critical Event Preparedness and Response

Crisis Care

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MD hospitals declared **crisis standards of care**

