

Weekly Wrap Up - 2022 Week 4

Clark County COVID-19 hospitalizations are at the highest number since the pandemic began. Hospitals formally requested staffing assistance from the Governor's office. Fully vaccinated individuals currently represent approximately 43% of the hospitalized patients with COVID-19. The World Health Organization (WHO) stated COVID-19 will never be eradicated.

Nevada Hospital Association		Week 4							
		PPE	Supplies	Vents	Staffing	% of Patients in the hospital with COVID	% of Patients in the ICUs with COVID	Hosp. Occupancy Rates (All-Hazard)	ICU Occupancy Rates (All-Hazard)
NORTH		Green	Yellow	Green	Red	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
SOUTH		Green	Yellow	Green	Red	Orange	Orange	Orange	Yellow
RURAL		Green	Yellow	Green	Red	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow

What Does This Mean ?

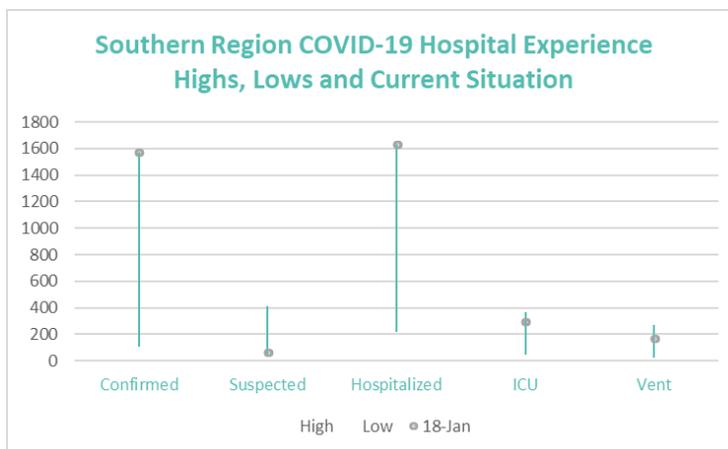
The table visually communicates the relative level of concern being experienced within the hospital infrastructure. This table aggregates individual hospital reporting, discussions with hospital leaders and effect of mitigation measures being employed.

No Concern	Watch	Warning	Alert	Crisis
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No Concern, hospitals are functioning in a conventional manner. **Watch**, we are studying the various metrics and mitigation controls to manage hospital operations. **Warning**, hospitals are employing mitigation methods and using various contingencies to manage upward trends. **Alert**, immediate additional mitigation methods are required to keep the hospital system operational. **Crisis**, hospitals are experiencing conditions that limit the ability to provide adequate patient care.

Risk Table Highlights: Staffing remains in crisis status for the third consecutive week. Clark County hospitals have formally requested staffing assistance from the Governor's office for the first time since the inception of the pandemic. Many positions throughout southern hospitals are unstaffed daily as personnel are sick or forced to isolate themselves. There is no current timeline for governmental assistance to arrive. Hospitals continue to utilize all available staffing mitigation steps. Rural hospitals are reporting increased difficulty transferring patients to facilities for a higher level of care and southern hospitals are experiencing delays in inpatient admits with several hundred patients holding daily in the emergency departments as they await an open, staffed bed. COVID-19 hospitalizations continue to increase in both Washoe and Clark Counties, with new highs being recorded in the south. Clark County hospital all-cause occupancy rates have been changed from watch to warning as facilities report the percentage of licensed beds occupied at 98%. Clark County is reporting that wastewater monitoring indicates the rate of omicron spread is starting to recede.

County	COVID-19 Hospitalization Status	Confirmed Hospitalization 7-Day Moving Average 1/5/2022	Confirmed Hospitalization 7-Day Moving Average 1/18/2022
Carson City	Increasing	17	30
Churchill	Increasing	3	5
Clark	Increasing	862	1589
Douglas	Increasing	5	7
Elko	Flat	2	1
Humboldt	Flat	0	1
Lander	None	0	0
Lincoln	None	0	0
Lyon	Flat	2	0
Mineral	None	0	1
Nye	Flat	10	9
Pershing	None	0	0
Washoe	Increasing	71	139
White Pine	Flat	0	2



Other Points of Interest: (1) Globally, there is no consensus on whether a fourth dose or vaccine reformulation will be required. (2) Michael Ryan, executive director of the WHO Health Emergencies Programme stated, “we won't ever end this virus - what we can end is the public health emergency.” (3) People can begin ordering four COVID-19 home tests from the post office for free delivery (<https://www.covidtests.gov/>).