

Weekly Wrap Up - 2022 Week 3

Clark County continues to experience significant increases in COVID-19 hospitalizations and simultaneous employee sick callouts. Both the north and south areas of the state are appreciating increases in ICU patient counts. The staffing situation remains in crisis for the second week. There is no indication that hospitalizations have peaked, and increases in COVID-19 hospital demand are anticipated for the next several weeks.

Nevada Hospital Association		Week 3							
		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	Yellow	Yellow
RURAL		Green	Yellow	Green	Red	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow

What Does This Mean ?	No Concern	Watch	Warning	Alert	Crisis
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, 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 a crisis for the second consecutive week. The NHA continues to work with state government officials to scope the problem and seek solutions that can be immediately implemented. In the meantime, hospitals continue to rely on overtime, team nursing, and other mitigation steps, realizing that these short-term solutions are not sustainable between the increases in COVID-19 hospitalizations coupled with the most challenging staff sick call rates. In the south, the % of patients in the ICU with COVID-19 has been increased to warning status. Patients requiring ICU level care in the southern region have increased from 177 to 221 during the past seven days. The confirmed hospitalizations (seven-day moving average) now exceed 1,190 patients for the first time since January 2021. Northern Nevada generally lags the experiences of the south by approximately two weeks, based on previous COVID-19 waves. This region continues to see modest increases in COVID-19 hospitalizations, with the seven-day moving average on 12/28/2021 being 50, and on 1/10/2022, it has risen to 86 people. PPE, supplies, and ventilator inventories remain in a good status within Nevada's healthcare system. The NHA continues to monitor the numbers of patients hospitalized with flu; however, there is no significant flu demand at this point.

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County	COVID-19 Hospitalization Status	Confirmed Hospitalization 7-Day Moving Average 12/28/2021	Confirmed Hospitalization 7-Day Moving Average 1/10/2022
Carson City	Increasing	15	23
Churchill	Increasing	4	6
Clark	Increasing	593	1192
Douglas	Increasing	4	6
Elko	Flat	1	0
Humboldt	Flat	0	1
Lander	Flat	0	1
Lincoln	None	0	0
Lyon	Flat	0	2
Mineral	None	0	0
Nye	Increasing	6	10
Pershing	None	0	0
Washoe	Increasing	50	86
White Pine	Flat	0	1

Additional Points of Interest: (1) There is anecdotal evidence that people are experiencing COVID-19 reinfection in less than four months, including some vaccinated individuals. This reinfection rate may contribute to a prolonged hospital staffing challenge if this becomes the Omicron norm. (2) Significant data reporting changes will be in effect starting January 19, 2022. Some data fields will no longer be collected, and some new fields will be added. Perhaps the most significant change will be subsets of data reported on for pediatric patients as well as questions clarifying how many people are admitted "with COVID" vs. "having COVID-19 as a primary diagnosis". (3) For the most up-to-date information, partners and COVID-19 responders are encouraged to get access to the NHA portal. Please request access via COVID@nvha.net and allow up to 1 week for approval.