


## 2021 Week 40

Clark County and northern Nevada are seeing fewer COVID-19 hospitalizations indicating that the state has peaked and has crested the current wave of illness. Rural Nevada continues to be hard hit, with most staffed rural ICU beds at 100% occupancy. All-cause occupancy rates (staffed beds) in the northern region are also near 100%, which has rural hospitals deviating from their normal transfer patterns, sending patients into the Clark County region. Clark County facilities also report accepting transfers from other states (TX, ID, UT, CA, AZ) as all hospitals continue experiencing staffing challenges.



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	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)
<b>NORTH</b>	Green	Yellow	Green	Red	Yellow	Yellow	Orange	Orange
<b>SOUTH</b>	Green	Yellow	Green	Red	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
<b>RURAL</b>	Green	Yellow	Green	Red	Yellow	Orange	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

**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:** Hospitals are experiencing challenges with staffing as employees leave for higher-paying traveler positions, retire or reduce their hours available for work. The levels of volatility are expected to increase when vaccines become mandatory. Hospitals are urged to determine staff vaccination rates by shift and department and preplan for possible service-line disruptions or closures. Staffing is currently approaching crisis levels in some rural areas. Supplies remain in watch status; no positive change is anticipated for the remainder of the calendar year. The percentage of COVID patients in the rural ICUs has been elevated to warning status. This could deteriorate to an alert if the ability to transfer to Las Vegas or other areas becomes constricted. Ventilators and other equipment remain green; however, SNS ventilators have been deployed to hospitals in rural and northern Nevada, as have all RHPP tent structures.

**Reminders:** (1) There is still time for your facility to participate in the EQ2021 Earthquake Exercise on Oct. 21, 2021. For an extent of play agreement (XPA), send an email to [chris@nvha.net](mailto:chris@nvha.net). (2) Any partners, news media, or hospital needing portal access can request this through [covid@nvha.net](mailto:covid@nvha.net). Note: access is not granted to the general public or non-healthcare partners (other than news organizations). (3) There will not be a Weekly Wrap Up produced next week - Week 41 - as I (Christopher) will be on vacation.

**By the numbers:**

As of 28 September 2021

Category	NV Low / Date	NV High / Date	Nevada	North	South	Rural
Confirmed COVID-19	123 – 3/28/2020	1857 – 12/15/2020	822	183	572	67
Suspected COVID-19	24 – 5/27/2021	471 – 3/27/2020	67	7	56	4
Hospitalized COVID-19	212 – 5/31/2021	2025 – 12/13/2020	889	190	628	71
ICU Patients	53 – 5/31/2021	460 – 12/22/2020	214	44	162	8
Ventilator Required	17 – 5/31/2021	312 – 12/22/2020	138	25	108	5

