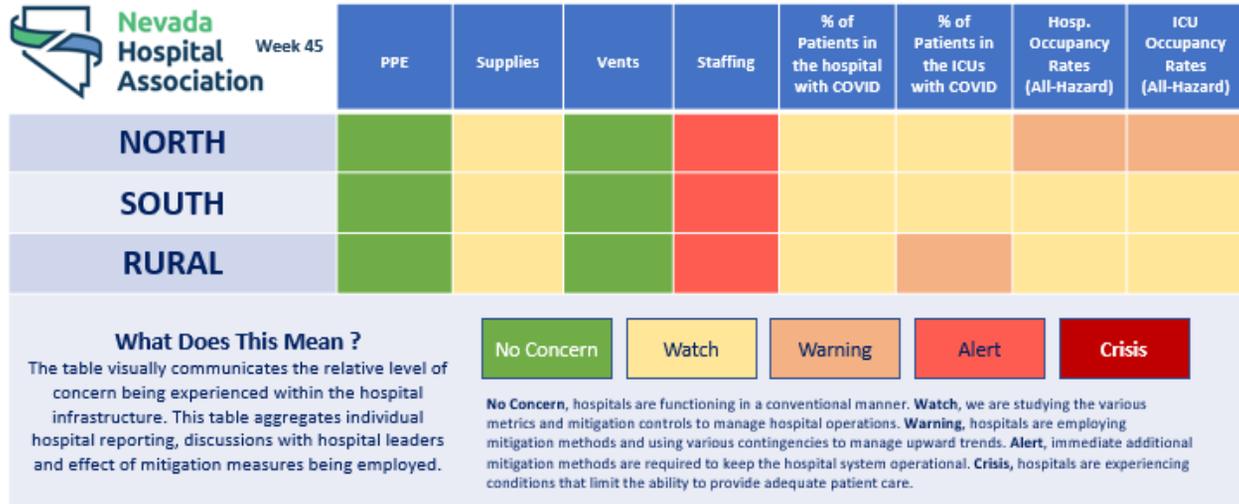


## Weekly Wrap Up - Week 45

Hospitalizations are slowly increasing throughout the state causing Nevada to experience a minor-to-moderate COVID-19 resurgence.



**Risk Table Highlights:** All of the critical indicators have remained unchanged when compared to the previous week. Hospitals continue to report labor supply: demand imbalances, contributing to fewer than normal staffed beds available. As of November 2, 38% of all short-term acute care hospitals report anticipating a severe staffing shortage within the next seven days. The healthcare sector is currently able to adapt through modified staffing configurations, the use of transfer centers, and the sharing of information to manage resource utilization. The industry realizes these operational changes represent short-term solutions to a long-term problem. Significant COVID-19 resurgence or the advent of another all-cause increase in hospitalizations could overpower these mitigation steps. Supply chain vulnerabilities, mostly related to cross-sector interdependencies with the transportation and shipping sectors, have led to many facilities having to source equivalent products as suppliers are having difficulty filling orders.

**Important Notes:** Next week, I will be away from the office. The Weekly Wrap Up will not be produced but will return for week 47.

**White House Vaccine Mandates:** Hospitals may soon find themselves needing to comply with multiple vaccine mandates. One mandate would be an OSHA requirement for employers with more than 100 employees. This OSHA mandate is expected to be published in the Federal Register in the coming days, creating a new emergency temporary standard. Employers can either require employees to be vaccinated or undergo regular testing and wear a mask. Employers reportedly will be allowed to pass the expense of routine testing and masks on to the employee(s). The second mandate is an expansion of the August 18 CMS Conditions of Participation that required nursing homes to vaccinate staff. This expansion is said to cover hospitals, dialysis facilities, ambulatory surgery centers, and home health. This interim final rule (reported by Bloomberg Law) could be published at any time.