

2021 Week 39

Hospital staffing challenges continue to place limits on patient transfers and the ability to admit patients. During the past few months, staffed beds within Washoe County have contracted from 1,782 total beds (8/8/2021) to 1,320 staffed beds (9/21). Staffed intensive care beds in Washoe County have been reduced from 233 (8/8) to 166 (9/21). Rural hospitals are also experiencing staffing shortfalls as larger facilities, and travel staffing agencies poach nurses. Similar issues are also being felt in the south.



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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)
NORTH	Green	Yellow	Green	Red	Orange	Yellow	Orange	Orange
SOUTH	Green	Yellow	Green	Red	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	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 changes from last week's report are appreciable in the north. All-hazard occupancy rates for both ward beds and ICU beds have been increased to warning status. This has occurred as multiple hospitals report occupied staffed beds in these categories above the 90% threshold. Some northern hospitals have open requests for additional staffing and equipment, which emergency managers have difficulty fulfilling. Supplies have been changed to watch status and are anticipated to remain in this status throughout 2021 and into 2022. Staffing shortages in the trucking industry, chip shortages, and significant shipping delays and backlogs at CA ports are all contributing factors to potential supply-chain disruptions. Hospitals should be prepared to see multiple products and supplies go on allocation later in the year. Hospital infrastructure remains vulnerable to multifactor threats such as COVID spikes simultaneously with staffing and supply challenges. **Correction:** last week's chart showed All-Hazard ICU Occupancy Rates as green in the rural area; this should have been reflected as yellow or watch status.

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