

Weekly Wrap Up - 2022 Week 7

COVID-19 hospitalization continues to fall but remains higher than the previous Delta wave. Staffing remains a critical issue throughout the Nevada healthcare sector. The NHA portal is back online; however, some functionality remains inaccessible. The White House is indicating that additional daily reporting changes are around the corner.



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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	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
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

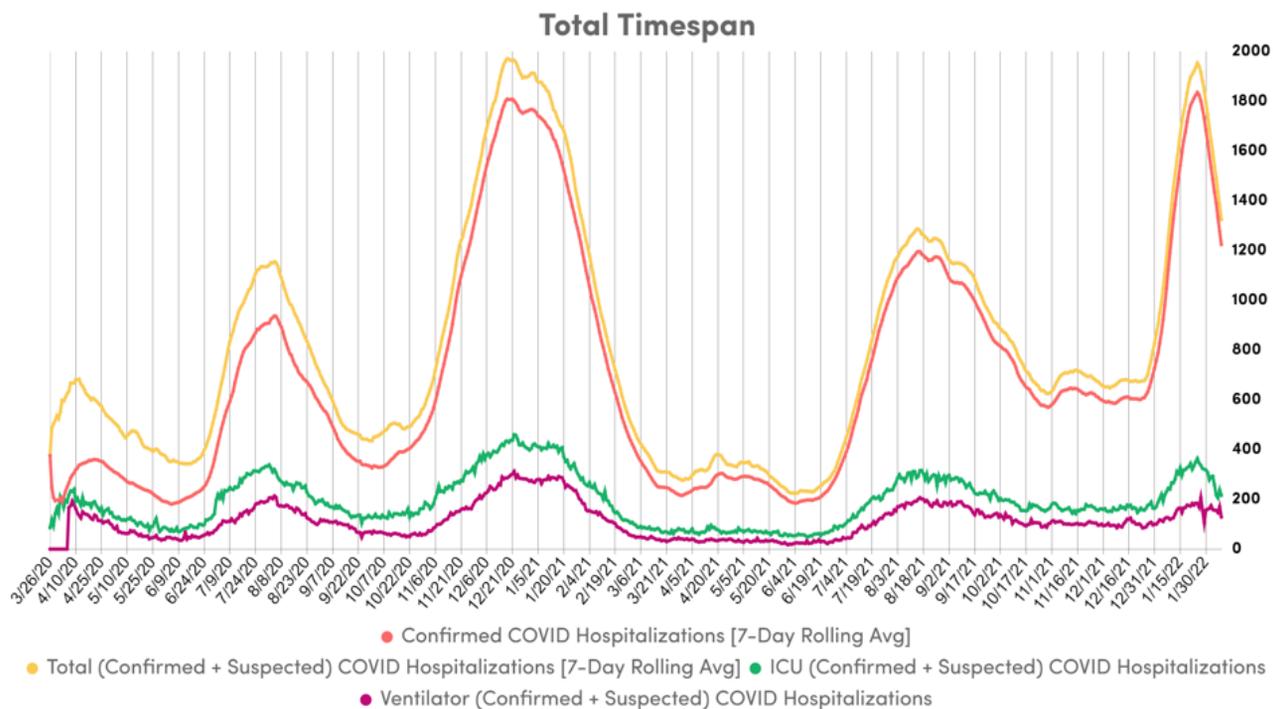
No Concern, hospitals are functioning in a conventional manner. **Watch**, we are studying the various metrics and mitigation controls to manage hospital operations. **Warning**, hospitals are employing mitigation methods and using various contingencies to manage upward trends. **Alert**, immediate additional 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: There are no changes to the risk table from week 6 to week 7. Hospitalized COVID-19 cases continue to recover but have not returned to baseline. In Nevada, the seven-day rolling average of hospitalization is now 1,224, higher than the peak (1,175) during the Delta wave. The hospital sector continues to experience barriers to functioning at its full capability, including staffing challenges and the ability to transfer patients to lower-level, more appropriate levels of care.

The NHA COVID Portal is back online. There remains some decreased functionality pending some updates to the user interface that are required to display some of the new data fields and to adjust the data to the new (once per week) reporting cadence of some hospital types. This reduced functionality is affecting the county-level data displays. We anticipate returning to full functionality within the next two weeks.

The federal government is indicating that further changes to how hospitals report data are coming soon. These additional changes will attempt to tease out how many cases are hospitalized with a primary COVID-19 diagnosis vs. the number of patients hospitalized for a different chief complaint (i.e., trauma, cardiac, etc.) and found upon admission to have COVID-19 (incidental cases). The NHA is awaiting the case definitions for these new fields but will implement these changes as soon as possible.

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The graph above documents the various waves of COVID-19 hospitalizations from Mar. 2020 through Feb. 8, 2022. The data is aggregated and includes all short-term acute care hospitals' data.