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- 24 hospitals bringing back furloughed employees
- 9 health system malware, ransomware and phishing incidents this month
- 7 recent big tech partnerships in healthcare: Amazon, Google & more
- 2020 Hospital Operating Margins Down 96% Through July
- ADA comments on proposed changes to FTC Health Breach Notification Rule
- CDC director walks back new COVID-19 testing guidelines
- CMS announces stricter COVID-19 testing for nursing homes; hefty fines for non-compliance
- CMS needs another year to work on anticipated changes to the physician self-referral rule
- COVID-19 death toll for US healthcare workers tops 1,000, news investigation finds
- Financial fallout from COVID-19: 38 hospitals laying off workers
- HHS delays Stark Law reforms one year
- HHS says COVID-19 data reporting system won't go back to CDC
- Hospitals face closure as $100B in Medicare loans come due
- Hospitals risk losing CMS payment for not reporting COVID-19 data to HHS under new rule
- Hospitals slam 'disturbing' COVID-19 data reporting requirement threatening Medicare funding
- New COVID-19 mandates on health care facilities get pushback
- Nurses union seeks OSHA inspections, fines at 17 HCA hospitals
- Nursing homes are now required to test staff for COVID-19
- OCR amends HIPAA Privacy Rule guidance for convalescent plasma
- Rural Hospitals Are Sinking Under COVID-19 Financial Pressures
- The Families First Coronavirus Response Act impact on healthcare providers
- The new physician training environment: How medical schools are navigating students' return

ALABAMA

- $15 million renovation to add beds at Mobile’s University Hospital
- Alabama Nursing Home Association addresses visitations amid COVID-19
- Children’s of Alabama recognized for Top Patient-Experience Award
- Encompass Health and MUSC Health plan to own and operate Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Charleston as a joint

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- North Alabama ER nurse dies from coronavirus: ‘She had been on the front lines of this pandemic’

ALASKA

- 30th Alaskan's death attributed to COVID-19
- 86 more coronavirus cases reported in Alaska
- Hospitals keep up with COVID cases, but staff feel strain

ARIZONA

- Businesses heavily lobbied Arizona governor during pandemic
- 2 Arizona hospitals to join Dignity Health
- Arizona hospitals resume elective surgeries, signaling a COVID-19 slowdown
- Arizona passes 200,000 reported coronavirus cases, adds 33 deaths
- Arizona reports low new COVID-19 cases as hospital trends continue weeks of improvements
- It's final: Health-care/hospital-pay initiative won't be on Arizona's ballot
- Arizona health care organizations oppose “misplaced” ballot measure
- Arizona Supreme Court hands hospital industry a win

ARKANSAS

- Arkansas health system installing 432 Amazon Echo devices
- Baptist Health finds innovative way for clinicians to visit with COVID-19 patients, thanks to Amazon donation
- Arkansas Rural Health Partnership receives $4.8 million in federal funding
- Rural Hospitals Are Sinking Under COVID-19 Financial Pressures
- $1.9M in federal grants to bolster rural health care in state
- How are COVID-19 recoveries determined in Arkansas?
- Doctor: Mercy-Booneville could benefit from ICU space, telehealth
- Baptist Health CEO navigating pandemic financially, workforce back at 100%

CALIFORNIA

- As more hospitals merge, California eyes stronger oversight
- California hospital workers sue over virus safety concerns
- California signs deal to more than double testing capacity
- First patients in UC Davis Health trial receive COVID-19 vaccinations
- Health bills on the agenda as California’s legislative session nears its end

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- Healthcare workers to rally for PPE stockpile legislation
- How Did COVID-19 Affect L.A. County's Nursing Homes and Healthcare Workers
- 'Huge conflict of interest.' California nursing home inspectors balk at new state mandate
- Keck Medicine of USC names new CFO
- Surprise Billing Price Controls Decreasing Care Quality in CA
- Sutter Health posts net income in second quarter after $1B first-quarter loss
- Sutter posts $857M loss in H1 on investment, operational declines
- Tenet California hospitals launch telehealth ER screenings

COLORADO

- Centura Health seeks to delay, dismiss billing lawsuit
- Centura seeks delay of discovery in surprise-billing lawsuit
- Denver-area health departments suggest prioritizing people with symptoms for COVID-19 testing
- Post Acute Medical to build 42-bed inpatient rehabilitation hospital in northern Colorado
- UCHealth to enroll 100 people per week in Moderna's Phase 3 COVID-19 vaccine trial
- Colorado health officials to issue new guidelines for nursing home visits
- Animas Surgical Hospital named one of top four hospitals in Colorado, based on patient experience

CONNECTICUT

- State Investigating COVID-19 Outbreak at Norwich Nursing Home
- 'Still a risk': COVID outbreak at CT nursing home renews concerns
- Hartford HealthCare looks to expand in Plainfield
- Hartford HealthCare pushes ahead in pandemic to bring workers to office building on prominent corner in downtown Hartford
- Connecticut hospital applies for CON to build $5.6M ASC in existing facility
- Connecticut issues COVID-19 alert for Danbury after recent spike in cases, urges all residents to stay home and avoid gatherings
- Gov. Lamont, Danbury Mayor Boughton discuss recent uptick in COVID-19 cases
- Following Danbury COVID surge, state ramps up testing in nursing homes there

DC

- Medicaid contracts would shift poor D.C. residents' health care amid pandemic
- Data: daily positive COVID-19 cases nearly doubles in DC
- Bowser Orders Insurers To Expand Coverage Of COVID-19 Testing For High-Risk People

DELAWARE

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- ChristianaCare to staff New Castle Co. Police Behavioral Health Unit
- Delaware leaders push back on high-risk status after DC Health cites data ‘anomaly’
- Covid-19 hospital stays and percentage of positive cases rise
- Delaware’s SNAP Program Will Issue Additional Emergency Benefits for Use Starting Aug. 31
- COVID-19 hospitalizations continue to creep up in Del.

FLORIDA

- Baptist Health launches $100M digital transformation to become 'Amazon Prime of healthcare': 5 details
- Feud escalates between Health First, County Commission Chair Bryan Lober over federal CARES Act allocation
- Florida continues trend of reporting below 5,000 cases, positivity rate dips to 4%
- Florida has new plan to allow some visits to nursing homes
- Florida hospitals lose billions due to pandemic measures
- Florida long-term care reopening task force plans to recommend visitation resume
- In the Know: Gulf Coast Medical Center's $347 million expansion nears completion
- Local hospitals rank high among facilities delivering babies
- New Holy Cross Health CEO Focusing on Pandemic, Future Goals
- Publix Opens In-Hospital Pharmacy at Jupiter Medical Center

GEORGIA

- Augusta University Medical Center can build 100-bed hospital, appeals court rules
- Emory Healthcare promotes Dane Peterson to president
- Financial struggles cause two rural hospitals to close
- Georgia becomes 10th state to top 5,000 virus deaths
- Georgia Children’s Hospitals Receive $33 Million in CARES Act Funding
- Georgia regional hospital debuts patient billing solution
- Northeast Georgia Hospital Becomes Second to Set Closing
- Nurse imposter treated multiple children in Georgia without license
- Rural Georgia hospital to close in October

HAWAII

- Hawaii Hospitals Appeal To FEMA To Help Staff Beds, Move Patients To Tripler
- Hawaii hospitals experience a nurse shortage as COVID-19 cases surges
- Hawaii Trails Behind Other States In The Data It Shares About COVID-19
- Hawaii's Overwhelmed Hospitals Request Federal Assistance

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- Kona Community Hospital braces for surge
- Health officials reveal Oahu hospitals are becoming full
- With scores of Hawaii health care workers sidelined by COVID-19, state seeks mainland help

IDAHO

- Idaho misses hospital admissions benchmark, will remain in Stage 4
- More than half of Idaho nursing home inspections find infection-control deficiencies amid pandemic
- Virus cases, deaths grow in area long-term care facilities

ILLINOIS

- Advocate Aurora profit inches up in Q2 as investment income bounces back
- CMS threatens to terminate Chicago hospital's Medicare contract
- Illinois digging into delays in nursing home complaints
- Illinois hospital to end inpatient emergency services
- Illinois nursing home complaints not properly investigated amid pandemic that killed thousands of residents
- Medtronic taps former CommonSpirit CEO as independent director
- 'Mercy for Mercy': Physicians, lawmakers protest closure of Chicago hospital
- OSF Healthcare recognized as a top employer in Illinois
- Rush University Medical Center ranked top hospital in Illinois, U.S. News study finds
- University of Illinois Hospital nurses OK strike over patient loads

INDIANA

- 7 takeaways from IndyStar's nursing home investigations
- CEO of Largest Nursing Home Operator in Indiana to Resign in Wake of Medicaid Scrutiny
- Health and Hospital Corp. CEO Stepping Down
- Health and Hospital Corporation to conduct national search for new CEO
- IU, Purdue Collaborate on Potential Kidney Cancer Test
- Joint venture to manage IU Health campus design
- Lilly Expands Agreement with Chinese Pharma Company
- Local nursing home COVID-19 deaths halted for now, 'but this isn't over'
- Matt Gutwein is out at HHC. Can the agency's board improve its nursing homes?
- Memorial Hospital opening Memorial Surgical Associates
- Methodist Hospitals supply chain director enshrined in Health Care Supply Chain Hall of Fame

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IOWA

- Iowa nursing home fined for denying one woman's plea to say goodbye to her dying mother
- Another 18 deaths, 1,475 cases of COVID-19 reported in Iowa
- Rise in COVID-19 cases strains staff of Great River Medical Center
- COVID positivity rate nears 10% in Woodbury Co.
- Johnson County sees surge in COVID-19 cases as students return for first week of classes

KANSAS

- Kansas lawmakers question state’s top health official
- Kansas Nursing Homes Face Scores Of Coronavirus Outbreaks, But Still Can't Count On Fast Tests
- Federal nursing home inspectors cite lengthy concerns with 2 Kansas facilities
- Kansas reports 7 new deaths and 1,545 new COVID cases plus 2 clusters in education
- COVID concerns have Kansans delaying healthcare needs, doctors say hospitals are safe
- Health systems' road map to financial opportunity
- Wesley Woodlawn Hospital CEO leaving for HCA position in Florida

KENTUCKY

- CDC says Kentucky an example for other states to use of a COVID-19 reporting model
- Kentucky governor blasts change in virus testing advice
- Kentucky hospital receives $21.5M to build surgery center
- Norton Healthcare brings community COVID-19 testing to West Louisville
- Norton Healthcare is one of first in nation to develop new convalescent plasma study for COVID-19 patients
- Nurse sues Kindred Healthcare, alleges retaliation for his patient safety complaints
- Ohio County Healthcare gets funding for planned new surgical wing

LOUISIANA

- How Texas, Louisiana health systems prepared for Hurricane Laura
- Low-category storms can still be life-threatening, Louisiana medical experts say
- Hospital Utilizes Internet Command Center in Preparation for Hurricane Laura
- Louisiana COVID-19: In Acadiana, 17 deaths, 184 new infections reported over three days
- Nursing homes juggle hurricane evacuations amid virus fears
- New Orleans Musicians’ Clinic Expands Mental Health Care For Creatives

MAINE

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- Maine health system embraces telehealth, but looks for policy clarity
- After years in the red, Millinocket hospital had to ramp up testing overnight after wedding
- New ambulatory surgical center will help lower health care costs for Mainers
- Gideon 'frustrated' by national COVID-19 response, launches health care agenda
- Sara Gideon pushes health care, broadband to boost rural Maine
- Bangor hospital program aims to fill nurse shortage
- New $16.5M nursing home would replace aging facilities, but neighbors worry about traffic

MARYLAND

- 3 Maryland nursing homes owe six-figure fines after failing to isolate COVID-19 patients
- MedStar Southern Maryland recognized for quality stroke care
- Number Of Maryland COVID-19 Patients In ICU Drops To Lowest Level Since March
- These nursing homes failed to isolate covid-19 patients. Now they face six-figure fines.
- UPMC Western Maryland Lauded for Cardiac Care

MASSACHUSETTS

- Berkshire Health Systems names new CFO
- Mass General Brigham CFO to retire next year
- Some experts fear FDA’s plasma decision will hinder research; UMass doctor touts benefits
- Massachusetts will require flu vaccines for public school students
- Preparations for second surge of coronavirus underway
- Brigham and Women's tops consumer hospital ranking poll by NRC Health
- Study shows PE-owned hospitals increased charges, profitability while some care metrics improved
- CVS adds time-delay safes to all 446 Massachusetts pharmacies to prevent robberies, opioid diversion
- One Meeting in Boston Seeded Tens of Thousands of Infections, Study Finds
- Second surge checklist: What Massachusetts still needs to fight another coronavirus wave

MICHIGAN

- Beaumont looking for cancer patients with COVID-19 for new national study
- Beaumont loses confidence of more than 650 nurses
- HAP and Henry Ford collaboration creates new health plan for Michigan businesses
- McLaren-Central Michigan announces new CEO
- Michigan hospital switches anesthesia groups
- Michigan organizations contribute $575,000 to help health care providers fight suicide

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- Munson gets millions to help cover COVID-19 losses
- Nursing homes labor dispute continues amid pandemic
- Primary Care at a Crossroads: Experts Call for Change
- Sparrow opens one of nation's first hospital senior resource centers
- State COVID-19 case data experiences logging issues, UP adds 14 so far Friday

MINNESOTA

- Essentia Health rolls out a commendable plan to boost ICU capacity
- Mayo Clinic's operating income drops 48.7%
- Minnesota's OSHA hits two Twin Cities hospitals with penalties over COVID-19
- Pandemic drove combined Q2 losses of $151 million at Allina, Fairview
- The daily coronavirus update: 14 more deaths, 529 new cases in Minnesota
- Mayo Clinic and Google: COVID-19 shows the importance of data liquidity
- 1,158 new cases and 13 deaths from COVID-19 in Minnesota
- COVID-19 plasma therapy, backed by Mayo research, will reach more patients
- Mayo Clinic, nonprofit partner on data-driven research collaborative for chronic diseases, COVID-19
- Hundreds of Minnesota nursing homes to receive rapid testing kits for coronavirus

MISSISSIPPI

- Children’s Clinics moving into larger downtown Tupelo facility in 2021
- Doctor says healthcare system could overload as flu season approaches
- Mississippi hospitals continue to see a decline in hospital patients
- UMMC, Oxford’s Baptist Memorial Gain $1M for Rural Health

MISSOURI

- Ascension move to outsource IT will eliminate 'a few hundred' jobs
- St. Louis task force reports 'alarming' single-day record of new COVID-19 patients
- Health care workers demonstrate against HCA at Research Medical Center in Kansas City
- New law allowing cameras in Missouri nursing homes set to go into effect September 3rd
- New SLU hospital blessed by Archdiocese of St. Louis
- BJC HealthCare's experience-based strategy for digital transformation: Insights from CIO Jerry Fox
- New mental health urgent care clinic to address critical need across St. Louis region
- COVID-19 cases at Jefferson City nursing home exceed 50
- Patients can receive mental health services at new urgent care in St. Louis County

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- Missouri Sets COVID-19 Case Record for Second Straight Day

MONTANA

- Marcus Daly Hospital improves imaging, radiology capabilities
- Montana adds 54 COVID-19 cases; Yellowstone County has more than 50% of active cases in state
- Montana reports 117 new COVID-19 cases; MT hospital to participate in vaccine trial

NEBRASKA

- Nebraska doctors add to science on plasma for COVID patients
- Computer glitch is cause of apparent delays in Test Nebraska results
- Hospital occupancy rate rises to 87 percent in Omaha area, health department not alarmed
- Nebraska effort aims to break down barriers between medical and social care
- Move to Phase 4 leads to spike in COVID-19 cases in 3 health districts
- Health systems' road map to financial opportunity
- Panhandle expected to move into Phase 4 of directed health measures next month

NEVADA

- Nevada Reports 532 New Coronavirus Cases, But No More Deaths
- Nevada sees lowest increase in COVID-19 cases in more than 2 months
- Nevada State Public Health Lab-led team studying COVID-19 reinfection
- Nevada health officials conflict with CDC on COVID-19 testing recommendations
- Renown Health to partner with U of Nevada med school

NEW HAMPSHIRE

- Coronavirus Update: N.H. Buying 25 Rapid COVID-19 Testing Machines; State Reports 1 New Death
- NH mental health providers concerned about kids during pandemic
- Huggins Hospital only N.H. hospital to earn five stars in patient experience
- NH health care exec: 'You're giving some lousy tests for nursing homes and you're making them pay for them. I don't see that as a win'
- NH health officials consider fewer coronavirus restrictions for long-term care facilities
- More Than 200K New Hampshire Residents Tested For COVID-19: Data

NEW JERSEY

- Hospitals, already reeling, face $38M in cuts in new NJ budget
- In response to COVID, NJ moves to pay long-term care workers more

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- N.J. coronavirus public-health emergency extended another 30 days. State of emergency stays in effect.
- New Jersey Electronic Health Records Company to Pay $500,000

NEW MEXICO

- Abuse probes at long-term care facilities declined amid shutdown
- Federal Investigation Finds Hospital Violated Patients' Rights by Profiling, Separating Native Mothers and Newborns
- Updated New Mexico COVID-19 cases: Now at 24,732
- New Mexico aims for gradual reopen with 'encouraging' COVID-19 data
- 5th virus death at Las Cruces nursing home is among pair of new Doña Ana County fatalities

NEW YORK

- Kaleida Health names new CEO
- Many nursing home visitations halted by 28-day COVID-19 restriction
- New York cardiology practice, physician settle false billing claims for $2M
- New York City nervously braces for another 'explosive spread'
- Health care workers holding rallies at three Buffalo-area hospitals Thursday
- DOJ probes nursing home deaths in 4 states — including in NY
- Billions in Hospital Virus Aid Rested on Compliance With Private Vendor
- NYC elder care provider using FCC funds for telehealth, protecting seniors from COVID-19
- Monroe County stops reporting some COVID-19 data
- COVID outbreak at Northern NY nursing home has community on high alert

NORTH CAROLINA

- Duke University Hospital ranked top hospital in North Carolina, U.S. News study finds
- Group of Mission Hospital nurses fight back against push to unionize
- HCA nurses battle over unionization in North Carolina
- Hospital consolidation complicates issues of who's at fault in Mission Health union debate
- How Cone Health is using Facebook data to predict future COVID-19 cases
- NC sees new single-day COVID-19 cases top 2,000 for first time this month
- Novant Health's heart, cancer plaza in midtown on track for a late 2020 opening
- Nurse wouldn't get a flu shot — so North Carolina hospital fired her, lawsuit says
- Randolph Health announces merger deal
- Stakes high in struggle over unionizing hospital
- The first COVID surge weakened NC's cash-strapped rural hospitals. A second wave may devastate them.

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- True number of COVID-19 patients uncertain due to shift to new data system mid-pandemic

NORTH DAKOTA

- Burgum considers moving up COVID-19 dial in hotspots as North Dakota sees record-high active cases
- South Dakota-based Sanford Health plans Grand Forks clinic
- Some members of local COVID-19 task force frustrated with state; active cases hit new high
- With COVID-19 cases rising, area hospitals have joined the state's mask-up campaign
- Active COVID-19 cases surpass 1,500 in North Dakota; 2 additional deaths reported
- Trinity Health has seen an increase in COVID-19 patients but is not at capacity

OHIO

- Commissioners say hospital not cooperating
- Northeast Ohio doctors react after CDC updates guidance to say people exposed to coronavirus may not need testing
- Nursing homes are getting thousands of new coronavirus tests but aren't using them. Here's why.
- Ohio State University is poised to build a $1.79 billion inpatient hospital
- Ohio’s coronavirus nursing home death total reaches 2,631 - 65% of state’s COVID-19 deaths
- OSU seeks approval of new $1.79B hospital
- Physician-owned Crystal Clinic Orthopaedic Center gains 5-star CMS rating
- Prices for same medical procedures vary widely among Ohio hospitals
- Senior living needs COVID-19 tests, too, Argentum tells HHS as Ohio issues mandate
- Sistersville General Hospital joins Memorial Health System
- Turner helps secure $165M in extra COVID-19 funding for Ohio children’s hospitals
- UC Health to pay $3.1 million settlement in Medicare fraud lawsuit

OKLAHOMA

- Oklahoma nurse resigns from OKC VA hospital over COVID-19 concerns
- COVID-19 exacerbates Oklahoma’s decades-old nursing shortage
- Oklahoma health department developing new virus alert plan
- State to adjust COVID-19 alerts with regional hospital data after public health experts call original model unhelpful
- COVID-19: 357 new cases, four deaths reported across Oklahoma
- Officials: 30 Oklahoma counties in ‘moderate’ risk category for COVID-19 spread

OREGON

- Oregon health data shows drop in new cases of COVID-19

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- CDC change on COVID-19 testing follows Oregon guidance
- Oregon proposes emergency COVID-19 standard

PENNSYLVANIA

- CHOP Opens New Primary Care Center In Norristown
- Lawsuit: Former Monroeville nursing home administrator says officials gave state wrong data on COVID cases
- Local hospital ensures cancer patients receive treatment during COVID-19 pandemic
- New Penn State Health acute care hospital one step closer to opening
- Phoenixville Hospital Took Medicaid On 'Employable' Patients: DOJ
- Sharon Regional names new president
- UPMC's revenue tops $11B in first half of year
- Wolf Administration Announces Funding to Recruit and Retain Physicians in Underserved Areas of Pennsylvania

RHODE ISLAND

- RI reports 108 new COVID-19 cases as daily tests top 8,500
- Alexander-Scott approves controversial rehab facility in Johnston
- Transcript: Raimondo on the state of Rhode Island’s fight against coronavirus

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- Encompass Health and MUSC Health plan to own and operate Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Charleston as a joint venture
- Inside one of SC’s deadliest nursing home COVID outbreaks: ‘They didn’t tell us anything’
- MUSC Health-University Medical Center ranked top hospital in South Carolina, U.S. News study finds
- South Carolina COVID cases drop for 3rd day in a row to 543

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- Coronavirus cases linked to Sturgis Motorcycle Rally found in 8 states
- South Dakota reports COVID-19 cases for K-12, universities and technical schools
- South Dakota marking 6 months of COVID-19; touting state's accomplishments with virus
- Active COVID-19 infections continue to outpace recoveries
- South Dakota-based Sanford Health plans Grand Forks clinic

TENNESSEE

- 10% of Tennessee COVID-19 hospitalizations are at Jackson-Madison County General Hospital
- Ballad dismisses cardiothoracic surgeon who asked CEO to make incision on patient

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- Erlanger to add urgent care center in Ooltewah
- Erlanger rejects $475M bid from new private equity firm
- Former Tennessee hospital CEO says he was asked to resign after participating in surgery
- JMCGH offers remote patient monitoring for COVID-19 patients
- Tenn. COVID-19 hospital admissions average 540 patients per week over past month
- Tennessee hospital CEO steps down
- Tennessee hospital, union OK contracts with expanded COVID-19 leave, pay increase
- USPI, Tennessee hospital breaks ground on ASC
- Vanderbilt University Medical Center ranked top hospital in Tennessee, U.S. News study finds

TEXAS

- Baylor Scott & White CFO Penny Cermak steps down
- How Texas, Louisiana health systems prepared for Hurricane Laura
- Texas' Relaxed Nursing Home Guidelines Still Don't Make It Easy To Visit Loved Ones During Pandemic
- USPI, Tennessee hospital breaks ground on ASC
- Mom transmitted coronavirus to baby in womb, Dallas physicians say
- Houston hospitals bracing for the storm in the midst of pandemic
- Officials Warn of 'Catastrophic Storm Surge' With Hurricane Laura
- Texas nursing homes struggle with expenses during pandemic
- Fears mount Hurricane Laura could be COVID-19 super-spreader in already struggling Texas and Louisiana
- Texas Medical Center ready to activate floodgates if necessary
- Central Texas COVID-19 curve slowly flattens, but not all signs are favorable
- The Challenges Of COVID-19 Testing While Uninsured In Houston

UTAH

- GVH's top nursing officer recognized
- Health department: 301 new Utah coronavirus cases Sunday
- Intermountain Healthcare eases visitor restrictions
- Primary Children's Hospital marks 30 years of child safety campaign with new initiative
- University of Utah Hospital begins COVID-19 treatment study
- Utah has had a list of nursing homes with problems, and advocates wonder why it hasn't been shared

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- Springfield Hospital has plan to exit bankruptcy

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- Independent doctors are dropping out of OneCare health-reform effort
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- UVM Medical Center inpatient rehab to return to Fanny Allen

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- Nursing Home PPE Shortages and Deaths Still Rising
- Percentage of positive COVID tests, number of people hospitalized drops in Virginia
- Q&A: Virginia Hospital Center officials discuss success in new maternity ranking
- Sentara begins restoring pay and benefits that were cut this spring

WASHINGTON

- Nursing homes accuse Washington state of diverting millions in federal COVID-19 funds to other state coffers
- State with First COVID-19 Outbreak Rolls Back Medicaid Boost for Nursing Homes: 'Needless Deaths Will Rise'
- CDC's shift on COVID-19 testing stirs concern among Washington state health officials
- Coronavirus outbreak linked to Washington state hospital unit grows

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- Back where it all began: Marion County native comes full circle as new WVU Medicine chief medical officer
- Beckley VAMC recognized as a top nationwide hospital for patient experience
- Health officials release visitation plans for W.Va. nursing homes
- Sixth lawsuit filed in deaths at West Virginia VA hospital
- W.Va. seeing growing number of outbreaks at long-term care facilities

WISCONSIN

- A healthcare project in Wisconsin benefits from including MEP subs in early design discussions
- No new COVID-19 deaths in Wisconsin; 9.4 of tests return positive
- Wisconsin family nurse practitioner speaks about experience mobilized in COVID-19 response
- Madison Hospitals, Public Health Concerned About Possible 'Twindemic'
- Wisconsin, Minnesota health departments reaffirm commitment to COVID-19 testing despite revised CDC policies

WYOMING

- Wyoming public health orders extended without changes
- At cost of vital programs, Health Department to shoulder more than a third of state's budget cuts
- Wyoming Medical Center awarded for chest pain, heart attack care

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- A Wyoming health care clinic for all, powered by the sun

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