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- Caring for Alaska's sickest COVID-19 patients, these nurses share teamwork and tears
- Southwest Alaska Has Highest Statewide Rates Of Maternal Mortality; Most Deaths Are Preventable
- CEO terminated at Mat-Su community health center after employees describe bullying, retaliation

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- Arizona health system names new CEO
- Banner Health seeks 1,100 healthcare workers in Arizona, Colorado
- Chicago-based health care company expanding to Arizona
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- 108,000+ Johnson & Johnson vaccines in Arizona will expire this month
- Arizona health director: Vaccination goal still within reach
- Arizona's COVID-19 vaccine numbers are behind most other states and below the US average

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- Operator of mental health clinics could become Arizona's newest public company with stock sale
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- Arizona might not meet 70% vaccination goal by July 4, health official says
- Telemedicine is here to stay, even after COVID-19
- Phoenix hospital helps get approval of historic Alzheimer's drug
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- Oak Street Health continues expansion

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- Arkansas hospital leadership target of no-confidence vote
- Arkansas Surgical Hospital Has New ORs, Needs MDs
- Hospitals' virus cases on rise in Arkansas
- CDC Awards $40M Grant to Arkansas Department of Health
- State covid hospitalizations start to climb
- 900+ cases of different COVID-19 variants reported in Arkansas
- Medical marijuana sales in Arkansas pass $330 million
- Concerns grow as COVID-19 vaccination rates drop in Arkansas
- COVID-19 hospitalizations in Northwest Arkansas remain steadily low
- Third Arkansas Physician Sentenced to Federal Prison for Prescription Fraud
- Arkansas hospital's $3M expansion adds 5 orthopedic, 1 spine surgeon
- COVID-19 update: State sees highest hospitalizations since January

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- California Considers Changing Watchdog Role Of Nursing Home Inspectors
- California governor won't lift virus state of emergency
- California health officials announce changes to mask-wearing
- California Vaccination Records Raise Data Privacy Concerns
- Most vaccinated California workers must keep masks on
- Sutter Health to lay off 400 workers
- Healthcare worker bonuses fizzle in California Legislature

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- California county cuts COVID-19 death toll by 25% after finding some deaths 'clearly not' caused by virus
- 1 week from reopening, California seeing one of country's lowest COVID-19 rates
- California hospital opens cardiology outpatient center
- Providence, Kaiser Permanente announce new Victorville hospital that will replace St. Mary Medical Center
- Kaiser, Providence Southern California partner on $750M hospital

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- Banner Health seeks 1,100 healthcare workers in Arizona, Colorado
- Children's Hospital Colorado Begs Lawmakers To Fund Residential Mental Health Care As Kids Are Forced To Seek Treatment Out Of State
- Colorado's COVID-19 hospitalizations continue bumpy descent as new cases fall slightly
- Colorado employers join national group to negotiate with hospitals
- Colorado's falling COVID-19 hospitalizations approaching last summer's peak, still above June 2020
- Lutheran Medical Center making a $650 million move just a few miles west in Wheat Ridge, opening up prime land for redevelopment
- Lutheran Medical Center plans 'hospital of the future' in Wheat Ridge
- SCL Health plans $650M replacement hospital
- St. Anthony Summit Medical Center demolishes former medical center for workforce housing
- New health insurance plan aimed at cutting costs is headed to Colorado governor's desk
- In these 12 counties, 70% of eligible residents have received the COVID-19 vaccine
- Colorado COVID cases, hospitalizations continue to fall
- Children's Hospital Colorado will participate in pediatric COVID-19 vaccine study
- Colorado employers join national group to negotiate with hospitals
- Colorado health chairs reflect on most notable accomplishments this session

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- Corner Office: From cardiology to C-suite, Yale New Haven Hospital president puts heart into work
- As infections drop, Connecticut shifts resources away from COVID
- Zooming Into The Statehouse: CT Nursing Home Residents Use New Digital Skills to Push for Changes
- Thousands of CT's Doses of J&J COVID Vaccine Approaching Expiration Within 2 Weeks
- Connecticut Hospital Quality Ratings: The Best, Worst Of 2021
- CDC: CT health department getting about $17.4 million for response to COVID-19 health disparities
- With COVID-19 Cases Down, Doctors Urge Patients to Prioritize Other Health Care

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- As infections drop, Connecticut shifts resources away from COVID
- CT COVID-19 Updates: Hospitalizations increase slightly, positivity rate stays under 1%
- Zero COVID-19 Patients Being Treated At Greenwich Hospital

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- D.C.-area hospitals are moving to require vaccinations for all employees, with exceptions
- D.C., Md. hospitals will require employees to get vaccinated against covid-19
- Long-awaited new hospital in Prince George's to open this week
- DC Hospitals to Require Employees Get COVID-19 Vaccine
- 'Condition of employment': Hospitals in DC, across the nation follow Houston Methodist in requiring vaccination for workers
- DC Vaccinations Near Seventy Percent Goal
- Washington region very close to meeting Biden's July 4 vaccination goal

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- Delaware sees lowest COVID-19 numbers in a year
- Delaware Drug, Mental Health Provider OK'D For $12.5M Sale
- Some still struggle to receive services as COVID-19 restrictions ease in Delaware
- Covid hospitalizations near record low
- Delaware continues to trail neighboring states in reaching adult vaccination goal
- Conversations continue on how and when to end Delaware's COVID emergency order
- Biotech startup NiKang raises $200M

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- Florida, Alabama No Longer Reporting Daily Coronavirus Data
- UF Health reverts to paper records, shuts down IT systems amid cyber attack
- Florida policy-makers will no longer know about COVID hospitalizations
- Cyberattack detected at UF Health hospitals in Leesburg, The Villages
- Florida shifts how it reports new cases of COVID-19
- Cyberattack Drives 2 UF Health Hospitals to EHR Downtime
- Bayfront to build emergency room in northwest St. Petersburg
- Florida risks not meeting July 4 goal of 70% vaccination
- Rural hospital is given nearly 100 high-tech beds
- Baptist Health South Florida increases minimum wage to $15
- Florida's COVID hospitalizations hit one year low

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- 5 Things Florida: Value-based care, Health in the budget, Overdoses on the rise
- Patient who died at Florida VA hospital received 'deficient,' 'mismanaged' care, federal report finds
- Rosa, Mako & more: Florida health system adds 13 robotic systems
- Forget The Nasal Swab: Dog At Sarasota Hospital Smells Patients With COVID
- COVID wards are emptying out in Florida. Doctors say it's proof vaccines work
- Effort underway to increase long term care facility staff vaccination

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- Emory Healthcare welcomes new CFO
- Here's why Northside Hospital Gwinnett plans new $400M tower
- Hundreds of patients' medical records found dumped on Georgia roadside
- Retired CEO Saved an Atlanta Public Hospital
- Two rankings on health put Georgia at the bottom of states
- COVID-19 Variants Could Spread Quickly In Georgia
- COVID cases trending down, but vaccinations stalling
- Georgia Partnership Aims to Use Telehealth to Help the Uninsured
- Georgia's COVID-19 statewide judicial emergency to end soon
- As cases drop, health officials track new coronavirus variant
- Georgia health officials say COVID-19 vaccines work against Delta variant
- Georgia’s Vaccination Rollout to be Strengthened with $34.5 Million Additional Financing from World Bank

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- Here's when vaccinated mainlanders can travel to Hawaii without a COVID-19 test
- Hawaii sets vaccine thresholds for lifting travel quarantine
- Contract for 1600 nurses at Queen's Medical Center expires
- As Hawaii More Fully Reopens to Tourists, Hilo Jail Sees Case Surge
- Hawaii coronavirus vaccination rates now available by ZIP code online
- Hawaii officials step up efforts to expand COVID-19 vaccine access to underserved communities
- Hawaii cluster report focuses on COVID-19 transmission among restaurant workers
- U.S. Centers for Disease Control and prevention awards Hawaii $24.5M to address Covid health disparities
- Hawaii healthcare providers are shifting focus on how they're administering COVID-19 vaccines

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- Idaho's COVID-19 daily average, test positivity rate reach lows last seen a year ago
- Idaho Vaccination Rate Stalls As Providers Try To Reach Those In 'No Rush'
- Idaho Health And Welfare Knew COVID-19 Data From Schools Would Be Inconsistent
- Idaho health officials say idea for incentives is not off the table
- Many Idaho health care workers still not vaccinated
- Idaho's COVID Numbers Drop, Vaccination Rate Remains Low
- Hospitals still seeing COVID-19 patients, despite lower numbers
- Idaho listed 45th in states ranked by percentage of population vaccinated
- Local hospital adjusts visitor policy as number of COVID-19 cases drop
- Idaho Has One Of The Lowest COVID-19 Vaccination Rates. Why?

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- New owner plans $50M investment in Chicago's Mercy Hospital
- Nursing home hit with EEOC suit alleging violation of pregnant workers' rights
- UChicago Medicine Ingalls Memorial's investment in the community rises by over 26%
- Highly Contagious COVID-19 Delta Variant Present in Illinois
- Illinois' coronavirus infection rate drops to record low as state prepares to fully reopen
- Ill. Court Rules Home Health Co. Took Kickbacks
- Illinois data highlights need for diversity, 'difficult conversations' in mental health
- 5-physician orthopedic group affiliates with Illinois hospital, changes name
- DuPage County Surpasses 1 Million COVID-19 Vaccinations Delivered

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- Ascension Technologies starts layoffs in Indiana with nearly 100 IT job cuts
- Community Foundation of Northwest Indiana Names CFO
- Good Samaritan to Celebrate Conference Center Opening
- Health Tech Firm Secures $7M in Series A Funding
- Healthcare Startup Growing Staff in Carmel
- Indiana lawmakers approve extra $20 million for home nursing care following 13News investigation
- Indiana ranks 42nd nationwide in health
- IU Health Bloomington EMS headquarters breaks ground
- IU Health employees organize protest against COVID-19 vaccine requirement

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- Parkview Health Signs With Indiana's HIE, Expanding the Data Reach for Public Health
- Vaccinations slow in Indiana to lowest rate since rollout
- Community Health Network to require COVID-19 vaccinations
- Health System Connects to Statewide HIE For Interoperability Boost

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- Five Iowa nursing homes have spent years on federal list of the nation's worst care facilities
- Humana sued in federal court over apparent data breach
- Iowa's nursing homes are still experiencing COVID-19 outbreaks. But the impact of the virus has not been as fatal
- Local nursing home staff resistance to COVID-19 vaccination impacting operations, visitors
- State, feds report no penalties for Iowa nursing homes cited for deadly violations
- Iowa Supreme Court: Hospital didn't defame surgeon by reporting concerns about painkiller prescriptions
- Iowa health officials investigating the source of an E.coli outbreak that sickened children
- Children in Iowa hospitalized with E. coli infections
- Iowa health officials seeking input on state health assessment

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- Few donors have returned to blood centers in wake of COVID-19 pandemic. Here's what it means for Kansas hospitals
- Some Kansas nursing homes are short-staffed during pandemic; here's why
- Coronavirus isn't 'magically' gone, Kansas health leader says as emergency nears end
- Coronavirus in Kansas: Hospitalizations up by 26
- Kansas Now Has The Beds It Needs For Most Kids Awaiting Psychiatric Care, But Not The Workers

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- CVS sued by Kentucky AG over opioid crisis
- Humana Names Carolyn Tandy Chief Inclusion and Diversity Officer
- Humana could expand primary care business to millions more seniors
- Humana sued in federal court over apparent data breach
- Most Kentucky COVID-19 restrictions, mask mandate end this week
- Nurse says Louisville nursing home fired her after raising alarm over lax COVID-19 control
- As COVID-19 cases fall, Kentucky nurse reflects on challenges past and present
- Kentucky Hospital Association Signs Remote Patient Monitoring Deal

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- Louisiana bans insurers from controversial 'white bagging' practice
- Photos: $50 million cancer center in Covington receives finishing touches before grand opening
- The root of the nursing shortage problem and what Louisiana leaders are doing about it
- Louisiana has 14,000 doses of Johnson & Johnson vaccine that may expire soon
- More than 1.5 million Louisiana residents fully vaccinated
- New Orleans area facing shortage of hundreds of nurses
- Bills striking at vaccine mandate head to Louisiana governor
- Louisiana will not be getting a statewide Office of Women's Health anytime soon
- Louisiana Lawmakers Aim To Ban COVID-19 Vaccine Mandates For Public Universities And Government Agencies
- COVID-19 in Louisiana: Tracking cases, deaths and latest restrictions
- After Losing Husband, Louisiana Nurse Vaccinates Underserved

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- UMaine School of Nursing receives $1.7M grant to help diversify Maine workforce
- Shortage of psychiatrists in Maine causing a 'crisis'
- York Hospital in Maine introducing new CEO to the public
- Northern Light Health doctor sparks idea to deliver of medical supplies from Maine to COVID-19-stricken India
- St. Joseph Hospital parent acquiring Bangor nursing home
- New cases and hospital patient counts keep declining in Maine
- Hospital birthing center planned
- Maine sees lowest daily COVID-19 case count since October 2020
- Maine Medical Partners Opens New Medical Office Building in Scarborough
- Maine reports 30 new cases of COVID-19, lowest one-day total since October

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- 55% Of Adult In Baltimore Have Received At Least 1 Dose Of The COVID Vaccine
- As Maryland Hits 70% Vaccine Milestone, Restrictions Ease
- D.C., Md. hospitals will require employees to get vaccinated against covid-19
- Maryland's Mass Vaccination Sites to Start Coming Down
- Maryland COVID-19 numbers hit new lows
- Maryland hospitals to start requiring employees to get vaccinated against COVID-19

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- A look at important new Maryland health care laws
- As coronavirus pandemic winds down, demand for psychiatric beds in Maryland remains stubbornly high
- Long-awaited new hospital in Prince George's to open this week
- A sneak peek of new University of Maryland Capital Region Medical Center
- Maryland reports COVID positivity rate below 1% for the second straight day, as hospitalizations drop

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- 3 months in: Status of Tenet, Massachusetts Nurses Association labor dispute
- Massachusetts General CEO says goodbye
- One Medical scoops up Iora Health in a $2.1 billion deal
- Saint Vincent Hospital names CNO, chief human resources officer
- UMass Memorial Health, University Hospitals launch hospital-at-home programs
- Mass General employees bought healthier food after feedback on cafeteria purchases, study finds
- Boston Children's, Google create new tool that maps out 'vaccine deserts'
- Concerns rise over 'Delta' COVID-19 variant in Massachusetts
- Advocates at State House rally push for $250M investment in public health
- Critical need for blood donations in Massachusetts, hospital says
- More Than Half of Boston and Mass. Residents Now Fully Vaccinated
- Hospital Bosses Recruit Replacements for Striking Nurses
- Hardest hit Massachusetts communities to receive $3.2 million for COVID-19 vaccine equity efforts

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- Henry Ford plans $318M expansion of Macomb hospital
- Nationwide Blood Shortage Affects Michigan Health System
- Severe blood shortage may threaten patient care, Beaumont says
- Spectrum Health joins national effort to boost procurement diversity, sustainability
- South Haven nursing home closes, citing financial hardship
- 'We're expendable': Michigan nurses say PPE still stretched thin, staffing shortages affecting care
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- New legislation aims to create one-stop shop for mental health care in Michigan
- COVID-19 cases plunge in Michigan: 'This 3rd surge ... is now officially over'

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- As vaccine rates slow, Michigan considers offering incentives
- Northern Michigan Health Officials Cite Successes, Encourage Vaccines
- Be proactive about data: How a Michigan hospital's cardiovascular department approaches value-based care
- Sanitation, safety complaints spur CMS probe of Michigan hospital
- McLaren Macomb nurses say they face dangerous understaffing, working conditions

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- Children's Minnesota nurses to picket June 8 over staffing
- UnitedHealth, Humana hire execs to focus on equity, inclusion
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- COVID-19 case numbers fall below Minnesota caution level
- Minnesota adolescent mental health treatment facility closes
- Children's Minnesota tackles racial health disparities
- Latest on COVID-19 in MN: Active cases stay below 2K; vaccinations inch ahead
- Minnesota doctors say nationwide blood shortage is 'worst we've ever seen it'
- Minnesota COVID-19 numbers headed in 'right direction'
- After last year's cuts, Minnesota's health care sector now facing major talent crunch
- Minnesota health officials worry communities with low vaccination rates could spark COVID surge
- CDC gives Minnesota over $29M to fight Covid disparities
- Mayo neurologist among 2 FDA panel members who resigned over Alzheimer's drug approval

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- 'No excuse': State health officer says of MS in last in nation for percent fully vaccinated
- Here's how Mississippi spent $1.25 billion in CARES Act funds
- Mississippi Aquarium, Memorial Hospital partner for interactive exhibit
- Dobbs Say ‘We Need To Do Better’ on Vaccine, Reaching Latinx Communities
- Mississippi has returned or rejected nearly 872,000 COVID-19 vaccines due to low demand
- Mississippi Lawmakers Hold Medical Marijuana Hearing After Court Overturns Voter-Approved Law
- Why this Mississippi physician wants to see more doctors, fewer ER visits

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- 47,000 BCBS Kansas City members exposed through vendor breach
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- Missouri officials urge vaccinations before July 4 as hospitalizations jump in southwestern part of state
- Missouri to become final state to adopt medication database
- Rural Missouri counties see spike in COVID-19 cases, variants
- In Missouri and Other States, Flawed Data Makes It Hard to Track Vaccine Equity
- Missouri GOP leaders seek 'path forward' in extending hospital Medicaid tax
- As virus cases drop, St. Louis hospital task force prepares to end weekly briefings
- Southwestern Missouri Seeing Uptick in COVID-19 Cases
- Missouri facing a second lawsuit over failure to fund Medicaid expansion
- Variants blamed for COVID-19 spike in northern Missouri
- Missouri's governor wants a state health director with both a medical and administration background
- Health leaders address rise in COVID-19 hospitalizations and cases across Southwestern Missouri
- Millions being put into two rural Missouri hospitals
- Local hospitals reporting more COVID-19 hospitalizations as transmission rates spike in northern Missouri
- Missouri Already Hit A Wall Getting Teens COVID-19 Vaccinations
- St. Louis Character: How Saint Louis University's Dr. Daniel Hoft became one of the nation's leading vaccine experts
- Missouri tops $50 million in medical marijuana sales

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- Billings Clinic building new $3.2M facility to help stroke patients
- Bozeman Health collaborated with Seattle Children's
- New Montana Laws Enshrine Health Care Alternatives, for Better or Worse
- Study: Health care is largest industry in Montana, housing affecting costs
- New report shows MT hospitals pump billions into local economies
- Helena-Area Nurses Sign 3 Year Contract With St. Peters Health
- St. Peter's Health, nurses union agree to 3-year contract
- Montana medical school clash revives for-profit, nonprofit debate
- Greystone Provides $7M Refi for Montana Senior Community
- In Montana, Crisis Support Teams Offer Alternatives To Policing Mental Health
- New report shows healthcare drives much of Montana's economy
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- Another nurses group forms for change as negotiations continue at Logan Health

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- Judge grants early settlement approval over Nebraska Medicine breach that exposed data of 130,000+ individuals
- Lack of participants for COVID-19 clinical trials impacts most Nebraskans
- Nebraska continues to report small number of new virus cases
- Nebraska Health System Data Breach Settlement Gets Early OK
- Nebraska experts: Keep focus on COVID vaccinations, not on herd immunity
- Medicaid lawsuit paused as Nebraska expands benefits
- Proposed Settlement in Nebraska Medicine Data Breach Lawsuit
- Nebraska COVID cases remain among lowest in nation per capita

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- Las Vegas hospital must pay $145K in back wages, $19K fine for labor violations
- MountainView Hospital breaks ground on ER expansion
- Nevada becomes 2nd state with 'public option' insurance law
- Nevada’s COVID-19 test positivity rate falls to 3.4%
- Renown Health re-accredited as a Level 3 epilepsy center
- Renown and UnitedHealthcare negotiating agreement for patient coverage

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- Is $100 million enough to keep the New Hampshire Hospital waitlist down?
- Waiting list for adult psychiatric beds reaches zero in NH
- New Hampshire investing up to $100M in mental health services
- Lawmakers nix proposed mental health hold to replace involuntary emergency admission
- From Textiles To Doll Furniture, Concord Health Care Workers Transform Hospital Into Art Gallery

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- Former nursing home manager from N.J. pleads to endangering 3 residents
- Ineligible New Jersey nursing home leaders received federal COVID-19 aid: WSJ
- New Jersey ends COVID-19 public health emergency
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- NM virus cases are lowest in 9 months
- New Mexico makes maternal health a priority
- Ultra Health to expand in New Mexico
- New Mexico again offers virus relief to immigrants, elderly
- Cash incentives helping boost vaccine sign-ups
- Ultra Health plans explosive growth
- New Mexico Cancer to implement new tech to match patients to clinical trials

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- Catholic Health hospital names new COO
- Feds Accuse New Rochelle Nursing Home Of Defrauding Medicare
- Gasport nursing home workers picketing for higher wages
- How Cuomo’s Nursing Home Investigation Could Cost State Millions
- How one Auburn nursing home became turnaround story amid COVID-19 pandemic
- Mount Sinai launches digital health incubator
- Mount Sinai eases translation in 200 languages through its Epic telehealth platform
- Northwell sees operating losses decrease in Q1
- SUNY Upstate Medical University wraps up yearlong medical delivery drone pilot
- ‘They lied to us’: Pending lawsuit in COVID-19 nursing home death in N.Y. could open the doors for families to sue facilities
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- New York's On The Cusp Of A Health Care Overhaul, But Sticking Points Remain
- New York Health Act has the votes; but will it pass?
- Why NY's Excelsior Pass Vaccine Passport Could Cost Taxpayers $17 Million
- Cuomo sets 70% COVID vaccination threshold for lifting restrictions

NORTH CAROLINA

- Class-action suit targets provider for ‘understaffing,’ citing abysmal COVID staffing hours
- North Carolina AG gets 116 complaints about Mission Health
- Bills aim to bump up pay direct care workers
- North Carolina health system names CNO
- American Health Systems' takeover of North Carolina system

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- Few people with COVID vaccines testing positive, winding up in hospitals in North Carolina
- North Carolina counties with the highest risk for severe COVID-19 lagging in vaccination efforts
- Local health officials target younger populations as COVID-19 vaccination rates stall
- CaroMont Regional Medical Center breaks ground on new Belmont hospital
- Judge dismisses lawsuit challenging North Carolina's certificate-of-need law
- North Carolina: Gov. Cooper plans to create cash drawing to boost COVID-19 vaccinations, report says
- Vidant Health names new HR, diversity officers
- Wake Forest Baptist Health relaxes visitor restrictions, letting more visitors see patients
- Cone, Sentara cancel merger plans, but future consolidation seems inevitable
- Doctor not giving up challenge to North Carolina's power over health-care facilities
- North Carolina declines vaccine stock for the first time since it became available

NORTH DAKOTA

- Sanford Health switches up vaccine strategy
- North Dakota health officials eye COVID testing demand in new budget
- North Dakota Health Department reports 1 new COVID death, slight uptick in hospitalizations
- North Dakota saw continuing decline in COVID-19 cases
- UND, Sanford partner to train neurologists, oncologists
- COVID-19 active cases creep up in North Dakota, but hospitalizations fall
- Active COVID cases fall, no new deaths reported

OHIO

- Cincinnati company researching new COVID-19 treatment up for FDA emergency approval
- Cleveland Clinic's net income grows to $350M in Q1
- Ohio State Wexner Medical Center, DispatchHealth Partner On In-Home Medical Care
- University Hospitals offering at-home care for some patients who would otherwise be hospitalized
- Ohio names 3rd Vax-a-Million winners as vaccinations drop
- Highly contagious Delta variant is now in Ohio, but experts say COVID-19 vaccines are still effective
- Ohio COVID-19 case rate, hospitalizations decline
- UC Health one of three sites in Ohio to provide new Alzheimer’s treatment
- Ohio hospital to renovate ASC in $100M project
- Ohio cancer patients would no longer have to wait weeks to get medicine under new bill

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- 200,000 COVID-19 vaccine doses in Ohio set to expire in 2 weeks
- Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center names new COO
- Vaccine distribution slows in Ohio, health officials holding out for herd immunity
- Ohio's 3-week average of new COVID-19 cases drops below 600
- Summa Health announces new 'Vital Vax and Go' unit to provide more vaccines in Northeast Ohio
- Ohio State's Wexner Medical recruits COO from Northwestern University hospital system
- Wolstein Center Mass Clinic Closes As Ohio Pivots To New Vaccine Strategy
- Ohio allocates $173 million to COVID-19 testing, vaccine distribution
- Cleveland Clinic, IBM, Aetna teaming up to launch blockchain health firm

OKLAHOMA

- OSDH Deploys Mobile Wellness Vans Statewide
- Oklahoma health leaders hoping incentives push residents to get vaccinated
- As COVID-19 vaccinations slow, OKC health officials ask businesses to consider incentives
- Shuttered Oklahoma cancer hospital has potential buyer
- Oklahoma may throw out thousands of COVID-19 vaccines as demand drops
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- CDC: COVID-19 death toll in Oklahoma reaches 8,498
- More than 51,000 Oklahomans have been approved for benefits through Medicaid expansion
- Oklahoma high court strikes down governor's Medicaid plan
- Oklahoma may be forced to throw out up to 80,000 J&J Covid shots set to expire at end of month
- Norman hospital breaks ground on free-standing ER
- Oklahoma Supreme Court shuts down privatized Medicaid

OREGON

- New Oregon 5-Year Medicaid Plan Would Expand Membership, Increase Innovation
- Oregon health officials begin shaping future vision for Medicaid
- Oregon health system struggling to fill more than 600 open positions, CEO says
- Oregon hospital board blindsided by staffing crisis
- Oregon hospital trains 30 National Guard members to fill workforce gaps
- Oregon is 127k shots away from having 70% vaccinated and a fully reopened economy
- Oregon nears 70% COVID immunization, but counties face unique challenges

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- Salem Hospital's year-long outbreak is over
- 30 National Guard members will be sent to Oregon State Hospital to help with staffing shortages
- 'The state did not follow through.' As Oregon State Hospital brings on National Guard staffers, others recall
- Oregon's face mask requirements to be drastically eased as COVID-19 threat wanes for most residents
- As Oregon nears 70% vaccination rate, Gov. Brown shares reopening plan
- 5 Things Oregon: Q&A w/Lori Coyner, Hospital finances, Health disparities
- Oregon State Hospital Advisory Board Says It Was Excluded From National Guard Decision

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- Here's the financial hit that Pennsylvania hospitals took during Covid-19 pandemic
- How Philadelphia escaped disaster in the face of a dozen shuttered maternity wards
- Leaders worried 3 Chester County hospitals at risk of closing
- Pennsylvania healthcare workers petition against mandatory vaccination
- Racial equity is essential to hospital quality and some in Philly are falling short, new report says
- Temple Hospital named Pennsylvania's most racially inclusive hospital, one of the top in the nation
- COVID-19 In Pennsylvania: 11 Million Vaccine Doses Have Gone Into Arms
- Mon Valley Hospital to integrate with Central Pennsylvania health care system
- Pennsylvania coronavirus update: Only 6.3% of dose allocation used this week
- Pennsylvania seniors facing serious health risks, according to report comparing states
- Pennsylvania Senate takes swipe at health secretary's emergency powers
- Pennsylvania health officials say recent flu season was one of mildest on record
- Lancaster General Hospital employees pushing back on mandatory COVID-19 vaccine
- Personal Data From Pennsylvania Contact Tracing Calls Still Online Despite Assurances It Had Been Secured

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- 2nd nurses' union issues no-confidence vote in Rhode Island hospital execs
- Some Rhode Island Hospitals Ease Visitation Rules
- Rhode Island reports fewer than 40 coronavirus patients in hospitals
- Rhode Island's COVID-19 Hospitalization Numbers Tumble
- RI's daily COVID-19 positivity rate stays under 1% for 2 weeks
- RI surpasses Biden goal to get 70% of adults vaccinated by July 4
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- Rhode Island played a role in research for newly FDA approved drug treatment for Alzheimer's

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- Healthcare workers experiencing violence inside SC hospital walls
- South Carolina Agencies Partner with Hospice Providers on Disaster Response
- VAMS: Thousands of vaccines wasted in South Carolina
- Nurses needed: Profession leading South Carolina in job postings across state
- As breakup of SC's health and environmental agency looms, stakeholder group seeks input
- South Carolina COVID-19 positive test rate drops to 2.1%
- Prisma Health, LifeNet partnership will expand air ambulance coverage in South Carolina
- With 20% in SC struggling with mental health, report points to need for widespread change
- South Carolina organ network tied to fatal blood-type error under investigation, pressure to improve

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- COVID-19 cases continue to fall in South Dakota; no new deaths reported
- Analysis: Where did the COVID-19 hospitalizations go?
- Experts urge young people to get the COVID-19 vaccine, but many in South Dakota are hesitant
- COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy Is Strong Among SD Youths
- South Dakota lawmakers reject school rules for medical pot
- Sioux Falls City Council leans toward putting medical marijuana permits on hold
- South Dakota COVID-19 active cases, hospitalizations hit new lows

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- HCA's bid for Tennessee hospital should be reviewed, labor groups urge AG
- Justice Department, Tennessee File False Hospice Claims Suit Against Curo Health Services
- Metro Health gets $4.9M grant to address COVID-19 health disparities
- Monogram Health closes $160 million round of funding
- Nashville's COVID-19 Case Rates Continue to Decline
- Tennessee's leading hospice company filed false Medicare claims for ineligible patients, federal lawsuit claims

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- Ballad Health announces new partnership to improve region’s health, social services
- Gov. Lee: ‘No real concern’ over highly contagious Delta COVID variant, despite cases popping up in Tennessee
- Ballad, age three: System CEO points to successes, acknowledges challenges at midpoint of fourth year
- Tennessee Department of Health To Address COVID-19 Health Disparities
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- Health officials to make changes for COVID-19 updates
- Vanderbilt CEO: What the telehealth boom makes inexcusable

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- Hospital workers in Texas protest against a mandatory vaccine policy
- Memorial Hermann The Woodlands is embarking on a $250 million expansion
- More than 170 Houston hospital workers suspended over refusing vaccine
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- Texas Children's gives employees 2% raises, provides additional week of PTO
- Texas hospital files for bankruptcy
- Texas hospital returns to mask mandate for visitors
- Texas lawmakers take action on future pandemic response
- Texas oncologist sentenced to 20 years for role in pill mill scheme
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- Houston hospital suspends nearly 200 workers for refusing to get COVID-19 vaccine
- Houston Hospital Workers Walk Out Over Covid Vaccine Mandate
- Texas Children's Hospital Center for Vaccine Development COVID-19 Subunit Vaccine Candidate Advancing Towards Global Access
- Services, specializations separate these New Braunfels area hospitals
- Central Texas health providers help residents find available COVID-19 vaccines
- Texas Children's gives employees 2% raises, provides additional week of PTO

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- Priority Health exec Marti Lolli named CEO of Utah-based health plan
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- Southwest Utah's low vaccination rates raise worry of a fall surge in COVID-19 cases
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- Mental Health Crisis Care Center breaks ground for University of Utah

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- Scott appoints Vermont's next commissioner of mental health
- Central Vermont Medical Center briefly locked down over false report of a person with gun
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- Southeastern Virginia Health System looking to fill open positions
- VCU Health announces new clinic for patients with chronic symptoms from COVID-19
- Deaths rose in Virginia's mental hospitals last year, but COVID-19 wasn't the prime culprit
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- Hospital Pharmacist Sentenced for Attempt to Spoil Hundreds of COVID Vaccine Doses

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