



Continuing to learn from COVID-19: United States

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Demographics



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Statistics Covid pandemic: United States

Number of COVID-19 cases in the USA:

Cummulative 96.6 million COVID cases (2020 – Aug 2022)

Cummulative COVID-19 related deaths 1.06 million (2020- Aug 2022)

Vaccinations USA:

Vaccinations given: 624.1 million

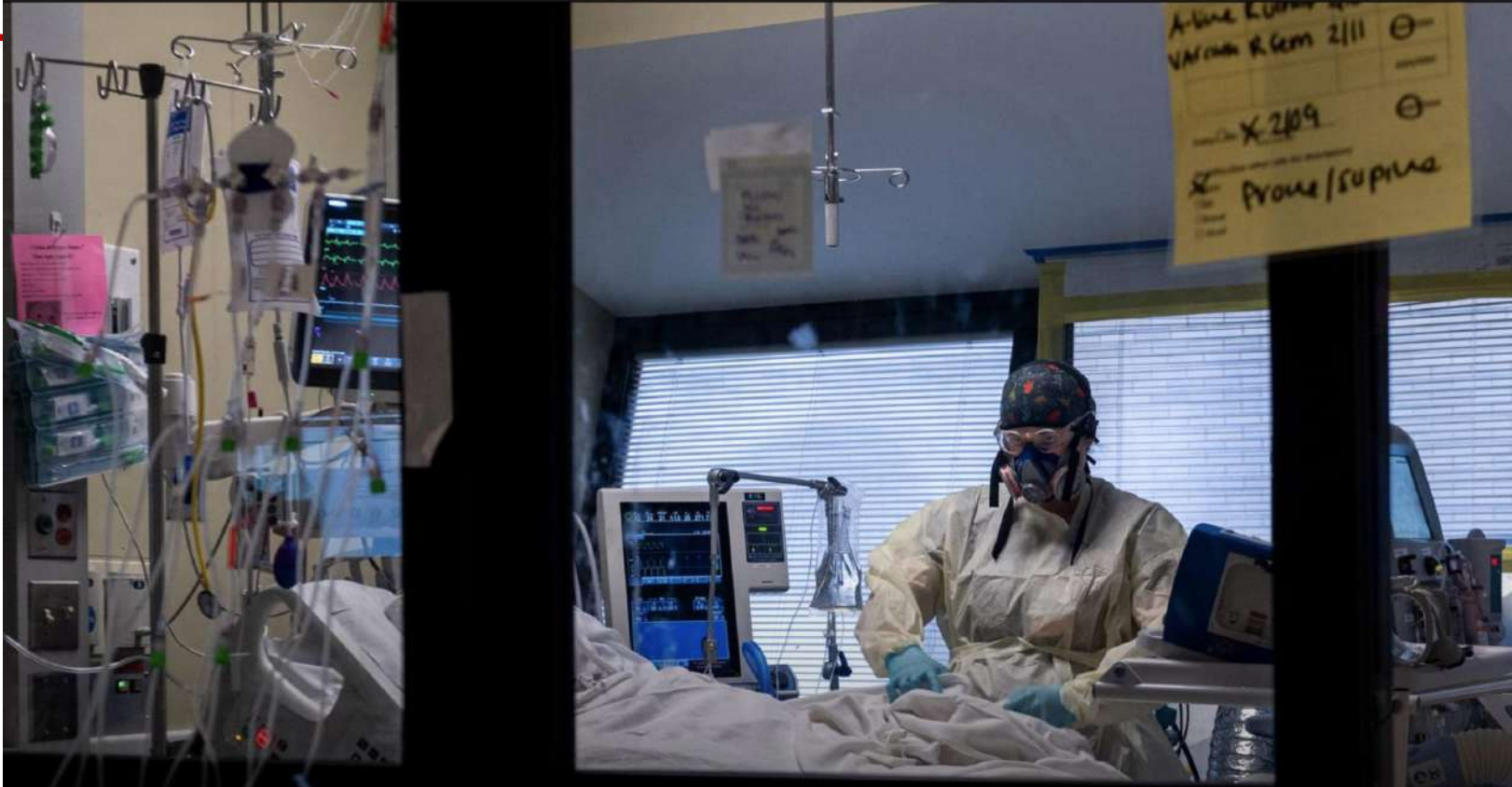
Fully vaccinated: 226 million

% of population: 68.6%

6093 US Hospitals

920,531 Staffed Hospital beds

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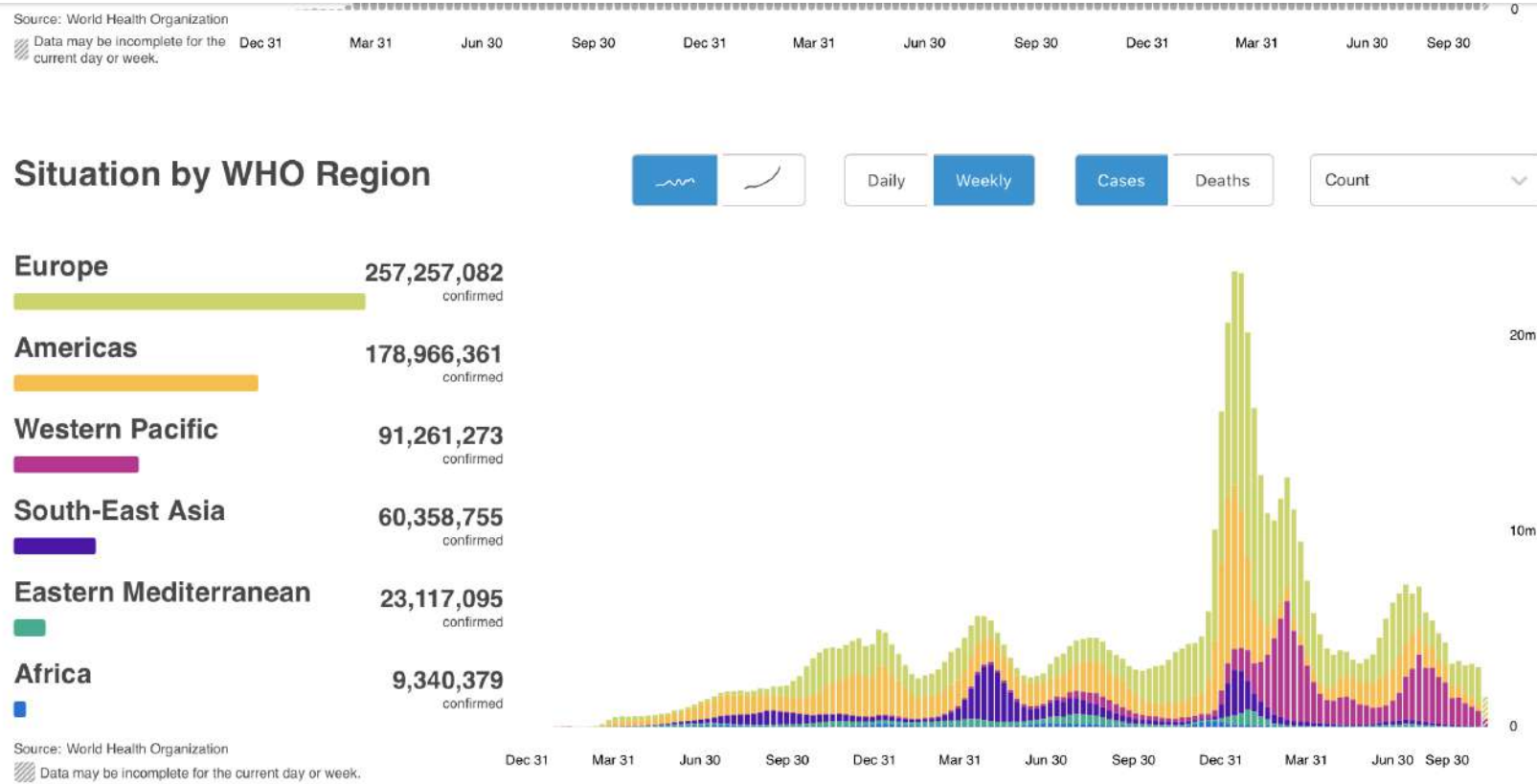


HEALTH

Covid-19 Hospitalizations Are Down, but Nurse Shortages Stretch Hospitals

Pittsburgh-based Allegheny Health Network has 1,200 nurse openings, triple from a year ago

Bracing for Winter



Impact of COVID-19 pandemic on health care

- Unskilled had to upskill quickly (floor to ICU)
- Shortage of health professionals, fatigue and burnout
- Elective procedures (recovery will take years)
- High impact on the community, tolerance and economics
- Loss of trust in healthcare
- Critical product shortages – increased acuity depleted supply

VA Implementation experiences

- Increased difficult access patients
- Advanced practice for teams – (Comprehensive service teams)
- Increased need for reliable and safe vascular access in difficult circumstances
- Shortage of trained VA personnel/ inexperienced medical staff
- Increase in advance practice providers
- VA TEAMS MUST share expertise and be patient advocates

Conclusions

- COVID-19 pandemic resulted in accelerated vascular access process
- Shared process and results through peer networking
- Publish practices to ensure consistency of complex care
- Became a critical link in the healthcare team

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Thank you

