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COVID HOSPITALIZATIONS IN WISCONSIN HIT NEW LOW

186 people hospitalized with COVID, lowest since WHA began tracking pandemic data

Madison, Wis., May 31, 2021—[The Wisconsin Hospital Association \(WHA\) COVID-19 dashboard](#) registered the lowest number of COVID hospitalizations—186—since the association first started collecting data related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The previous low of 192 was on April 2, 2020, when the dashboard first went live in the earliest stage of the pandemic.

Hospitalizations in Wisconsin peaked at 2,277 on Nov. 17, 2020, after a precipitous 13-week rise, and have since fallen steadily, hitting a low of 193 on March 21, 2021, before rising again to 350 on April 25. The current low represents a 92% drop from November's high.

Leveraging information, resources and personnel from its subsidiary the Wisconsin Hospital Association Information Center (WHAIC), WHA developed its COVID-19 dashboard early in the pandemic to provide reliable, real-time data about the virus in Wisconsin. Logging its one millionth view on April 30, 2021, the online data tool has for more than a year provided valuable information to policymakers, the media and the general public on the impact of COVID-19 on the state's health care system and its patients.

The dashboard is updated daily by the WHA team, even on weekends and holidays, translating complex data into easy-to-understand visualizations of COVID-19 and its impact statewide and regionally.

WHAIC also recently documented the effects of the first 12 months of the COVID-19 pandemic on Wisconsin's health care system and patients seeking both COVID and non-COVID care. The report, *COVID-19 Effects on Wisconsin Hospitals, Health Systems and Patient Care*, is available [here](#).

To view WHA's COVID-19 dashboard, click [here](#).

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ABOUT THE WISCONSIN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

The Wisconsin Hospital Association (WHA) advocates on behalf of its 130-plus member hospitals and health systems to enable the delivery of high-quality, high-value care to the citizens of Wisconsin. Learn more at wha.org.

ABOUT THE WISCONSIN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION INFORMATION CENTER

Formed in 2003, the Wisconsin Hospital Association Information Center (WHAIC) is dedicated to collecting, analyzing and communicating complete, accurate and timely data from the state's hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers. These data include charges, utilization and quality, making WHAIC an important source for using data to enable smart health care decision making and policy development.