

Who Will Care?


Depleted hospital resources and decimated workforce threaten Californians' access to care

California hospitals have been beacons of hope during the state's darkest hours. Now, as the pandemic enters its next phase and the impact of hospitals' tremendous sacrifice is apparent, they must not be forgotten by leaders who hold the power to bring them back from the brink.

Since March 2021, California hospitals have received **NO FEDERAL PANDEMIC RELIEF FUNDS**, even though they have:


Cared for
338,000
patients with COVID-19


Delivered
25,000
monoclonal antibody treatments


Treated
85,000
Medicare patients

Additional resources must be allocated to ensure hospitals can continue caring for all Californians who need them, as they have since the pandemic began:

Unprecedented Response	Unprecedented Sacrifice
<p>Caring for Patients</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,400: daily average of ICU patients • 700,000 lives saved 	<p>Financial Losses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More than \$20 billion lost in 2020 and 2021 • 51% of California hospitals now operate in the red
<p>Protecting Workers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing and childcare • Financial bonuses • Counseling and wellness programs 	<p>Devastated Workforce</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20% decrease in health care workforce • 98% increase in staff vacancy rates • 60% say their mental health has suffered since the pandemic began
<p>Shouldering Expenses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchasing PPE, testing supplies • Training, hiring additional staff • Converting space 	<p>Skyrocketing Costs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doubling of contract labor costs • Supply expenses up 20% • Drugs costs increased by 41%

“Staff are exhausted. The pandemic might have clinically ended, but the economic disaster is still continuing and even more severely today. We are worried about running out of funds to keep the hospital operational. We will have to re-evaluate programs — especially those that are not sustainable, like maternity services. We are the last available resort for our community when it comes to health care needs.”

ROGER SHARMA, President and CEO, Emanate Health, San Gabriel Valley


Stand with your hospitals. Without them, who will care for our communities in moments of greatest need?