Legislative Staff Briefing: Flu, RSV, and COVID-19 Surge Update

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Questions and Answers



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Hospitals Fuller Than Last Winter



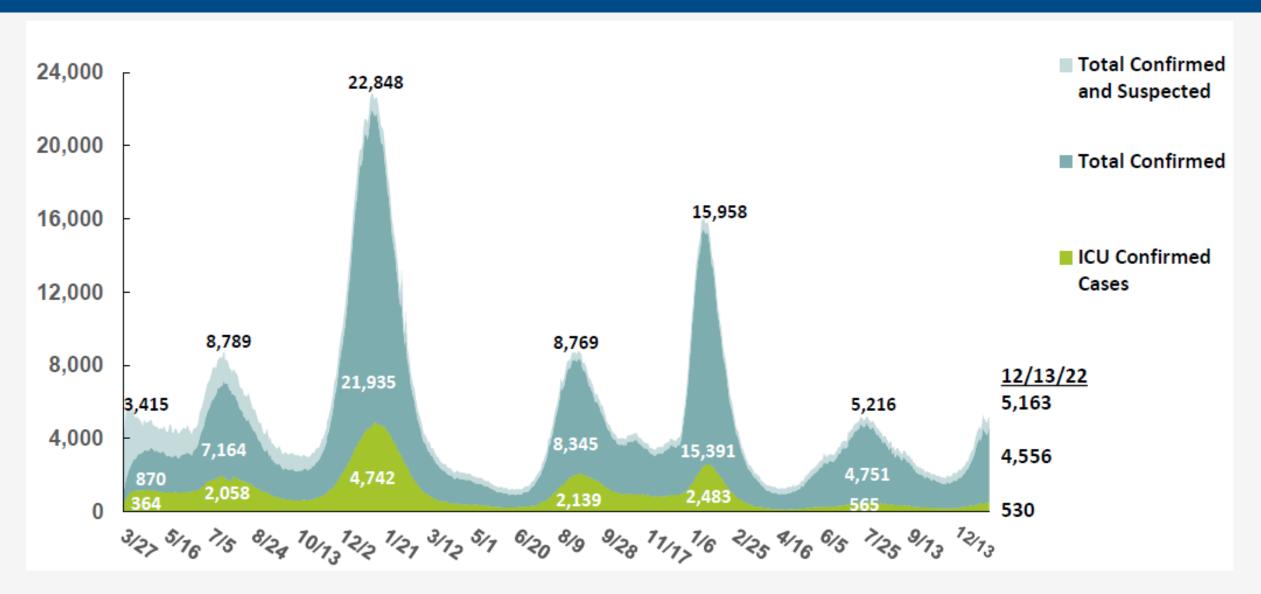
- Hospitals are currently fuller with non-COVID-19-positive patients, just as we are seeing the number of RSV, flu, and COVID-19 patients increase.
- 52,000 people were in the hospital at the peak last winter (of these, 16,000 were patients with COVID-19 and 45 patients with influenza).
- 50,000 people are currently hospitalized (of these, 5,000 are patients with COVID-19 and 1,568 patients with influenza). *Data as of Dec. 13*

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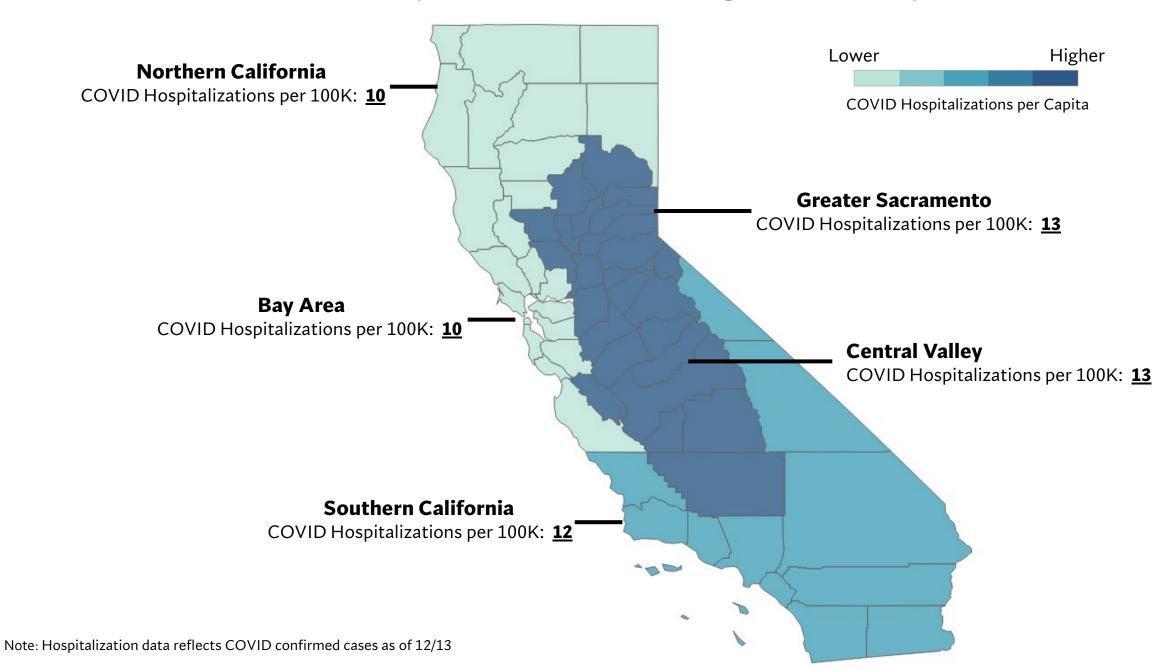
- The number of COVID-19-positive patients is expected to nearly double before the peak and be 23% higher than what we experienced in the worst of last year.
- Per CDPH, flu activity has reached high levels across California. This has the potential to add to an already concerning number of hospitalizations of children due to the spread of winter viruses, including RSV, flu and COVID-19.
- Staff are tired and travel staff are limited and costs have increased.
- No federal or state funding.

Number of Patients With COVID-19 Continues to Climb





Southern California, Central Valley, Greater Sacramento Region Particularly Hard Hit



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Marshall Medical Center



- Independent, Not for Profit
- 111 Bed Hospital in Placerville
- 16 Outpatient Primary & Specialty
 Care Clinics

- 1,500 Employees
- 150 Providers



Marshall Medical Center- Current State



- November emergency department visits up 25% over the same time last year
 - Highest volume in 4 years
- Marshall labs confirmed 719 positive COVID-19 tests in November
 - 150 same time period last year
- 140 positive RSV cases in November
 - 0 last year same period
- Average of 57 calls per day to the nurse hotline

Marshall Medical Center- What is Working?



- As a state-designated surge facility, we had CDPH waivers for:
 - Space Use
 - Team Nursing
 - Modified Charting for Covid-19 Patients
 - Travel Nurses (some out of state) provided by the State

 We also benefitted from CMS' "hospitals without walls" for telemedicine

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What is Needed



Continued Collaboration

- Regulatory flexibility via waivers
- Staffing and Workforce Support
- CDPH Messaging



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