

Hospitals Are Protecting Californians— Now They Need the Legislature's Help

When COVID-19 hit, hospitals sprang into action to prepare for one of the deadliest pandemics in the past 100 years.

- Converting physical space
- Suspending many procedures and services
- Purchasing PPE
- Hiring additional staff
- And more

This response was unprecedented, and it came at a high cost.



**Delayed
capital
projects**



**Ongoing
COVID-19
expenditures**

**Operating
margins down
139%***



**Expenses per
discharge up
12%***



**Emergency
loans**

**ED visits down
50%**

**Operating room
volume down
17%***

*Based on national data from Feb.–March 2020 and CA case study extrapolation.

**Conservative
estimates put
California's short-
term losses at
more than**

**\$10
BILLION**

The Bottom Line

All sectors are hurting, but health care delivery is on the ropes. Hospitals are facing not only a financial crisis, but also a public health crisis. As we work toward the safe reopening of our economy, we must first secure hospitals' ability to serve, so that we have the safety net needed to rebuild. Without aid, this financial crisis will force hospitals to make hard decisions about how to continue to provide care to their communities.

Hospitals care for everyone. Now the Legislature must care for hospitals.