

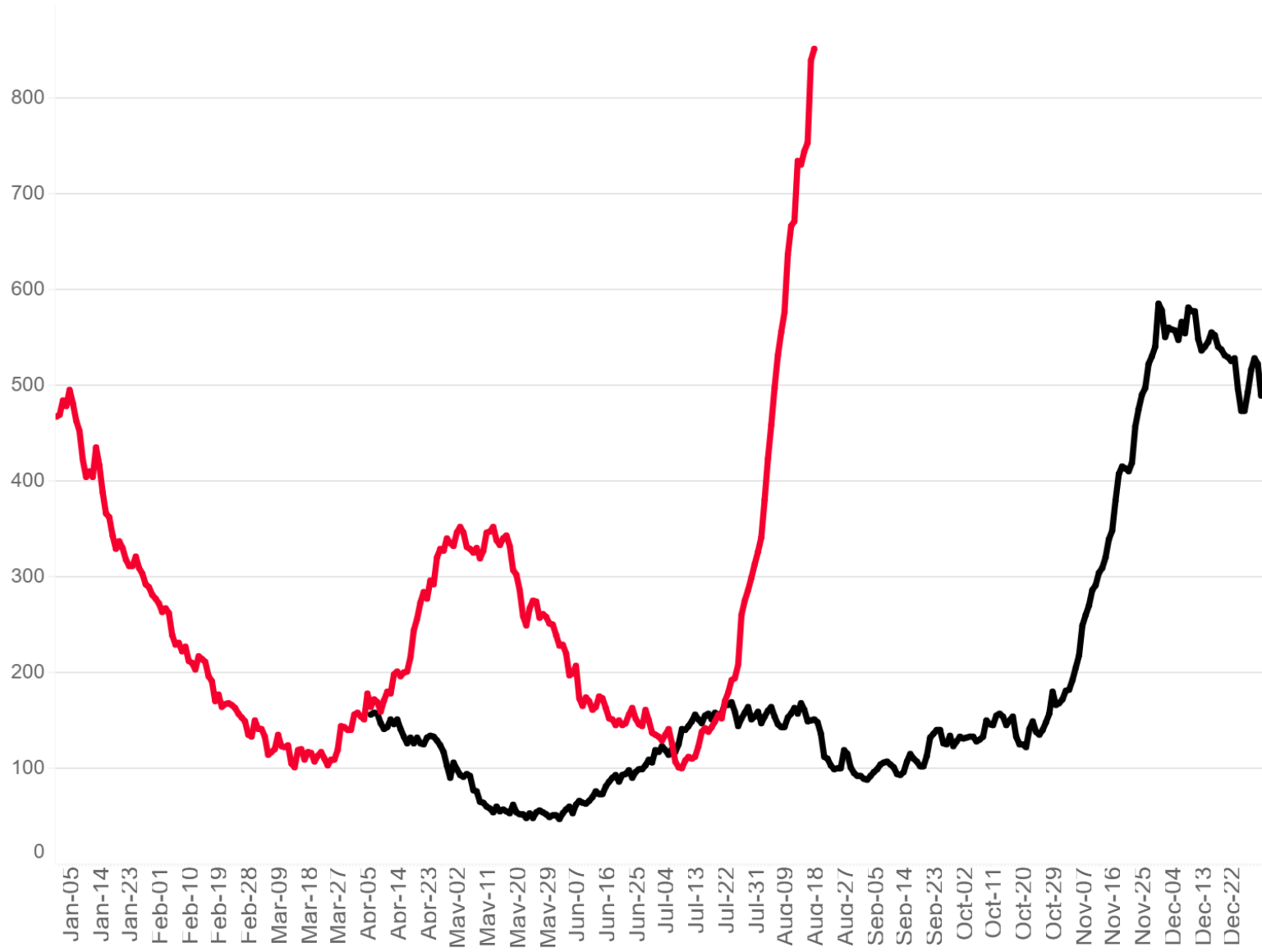


Hospital Capacity Update

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We are not just a system in crisis, we are a system moving toward collapse.



**COVID-19 Hospitalizations
2020 vs. 2021**
as of 08-18-2021

Total Confirmed Hospitalizations:
850 +12

% of Previous Peak (11/30/20): **146%**

Previous Day Confirmed COVID New Admissions: **93**

% of Inpatients with COVID: **16.9%**

% of Adult ICU patients with COVID: **26.1%**

— 2020
— 2021



How did we get here?

- Oregon (and Washington) have the lowest number of hospital beds per capita in the country.
- Capacity was strained before this COVID-19 surge.
 - Delayed care in 2020 means that people are coming into the hospital sicker.
 - Reopening means people are engaging in activities that land them in the hospital
- Long-term problem of inability to discharge – now a crisis

Acute staffing shortages

- Caregivers exhausted, stressed from last 18 months. Hospitals have lost staff that they can't replace.
- National shortage
 - Staffing agencies: all competing for same staff
- Staff out with COVID-19 or quarantined because they didn't get vaccinated

What does it mean?

- Emergency departments seeing record volumes
- 200+ patients in the system “boarding” – waiting in an emergency department for a bed
- Difficult, if not impossible to transfer patients to higher level of care to any system in the Pacific NW
 - That means patients are not getting the care they need.
- Hospital beds unavailable for emergency or routine care
 - Most are not doing non-urgent surgeries or are limiting them
 - “Non-urgent” can mean heart and cancer procedures

What are we doing?

- Vaccination and masking are absolutely critical
- State IMT
- Federal resources
- Hospital collaboration

This steps will help manage the crisis, not avoid it.