

IMPACT Statement on Zero ICU Beds in Southern Illinois Region V



Zero ICU beds signals a public health emergency of epic proportions for the Southern Illinois Region 5. This is not “a pandemic of the unvaccinated,” but a pandemic that affects everyone as emergency and routine healthcare collapses for a region. The only way to stop the spread and ease the strain on the hospitals now is to mask up, which helps the bed situation more immediately, and get vaccinated, which helps the bed situation in a few weeks. That is why we have been relentless in asking people to not only get vaccinated, but also wear a mask. We stand in solidarity with all of our healthcare worker colleagues from across the state, especially those in Region V, who are doing everything they can to care for patients during these suboptimal conditions, while suffering from the mental anguish and burnout of a sustained pandemic for 18 months. With your help, we can once again stop the spread and flatten the curve.

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