

# Most large US hospitals short-staffed heading into omicron wave

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Nearly **100%** of large hospitals in the US were facing a nursing shortage a month before the omicron variant arrived, according to strategic and operational leaders at those facilities. Close to **80%** were short on clinical support staff, which could also complicate care as COVID-

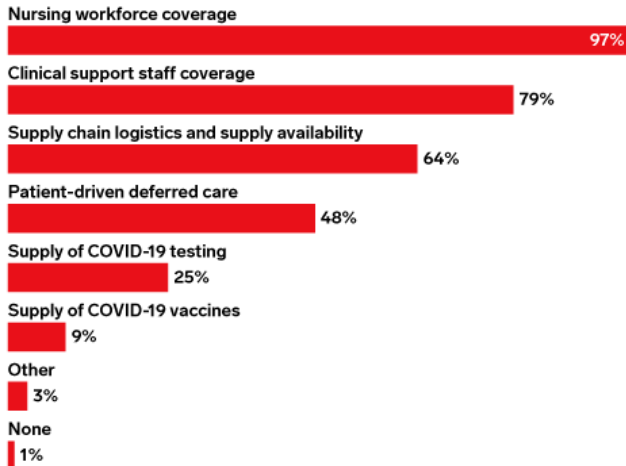
19 cases surge once again. Insufficient COVID-19 supplies were a less common issue, with **25%** of large hospitals wanting for tests and just **10%**, for vaccines.

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*% of respondents*

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Note: \*hospitals with more than 200 beds  
Source: McKinsey & Company, "COVID-19 Hospital Insights Survey," Nov 15, 2021

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