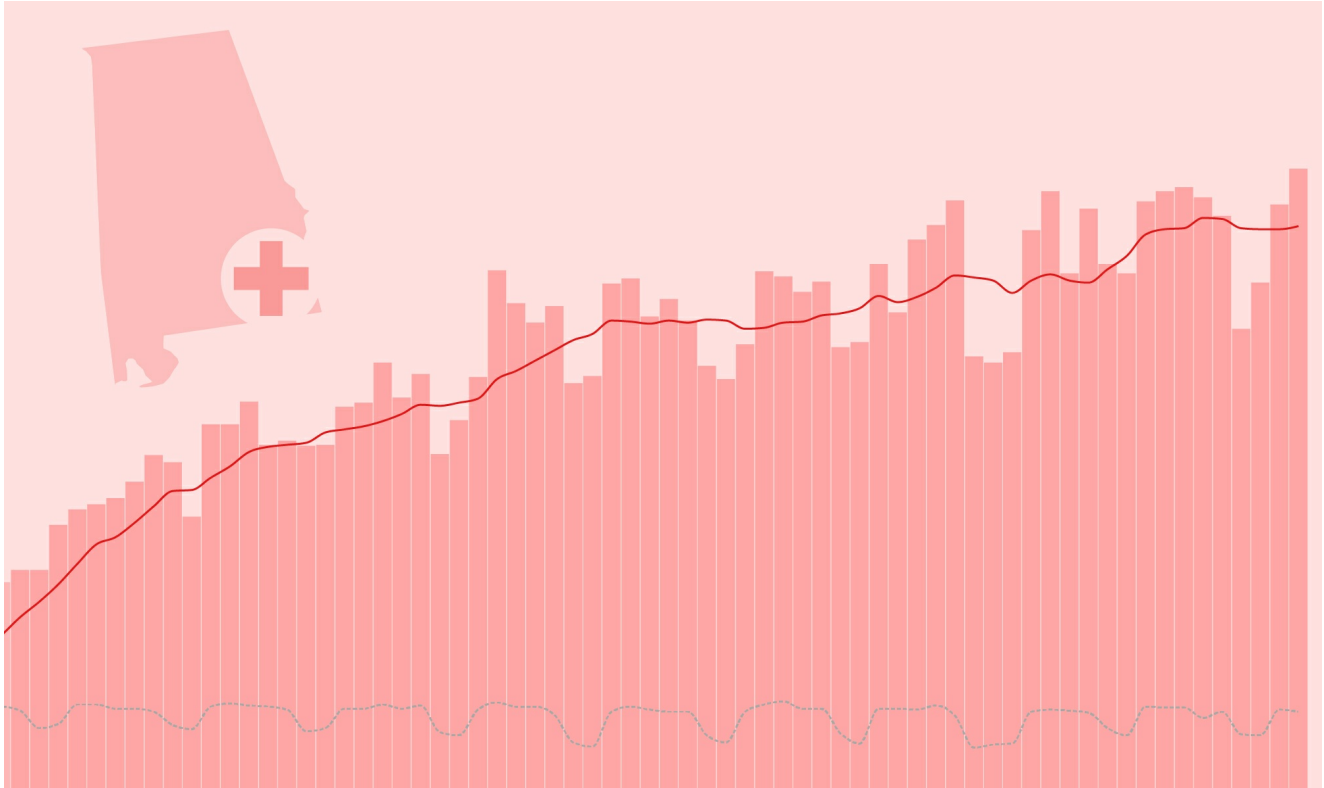


# Alabama COVID hospitalizations are at an all-time high after data error correction

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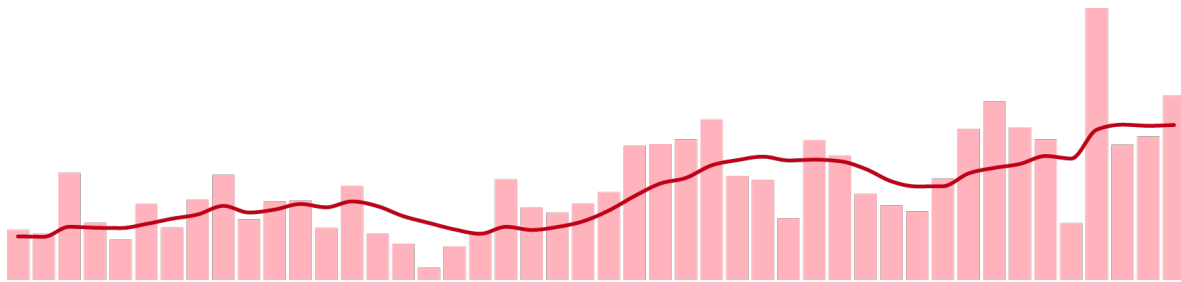
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Alabama COVID-19 hospitalizations are at their highest point since the pandemic began, according to revised data from the Alabama Department of Public Health.

The new data, as reported to the state voluntarily by about 100 hospitals in the state, shows at least 629 people currently hospitalized with a positive confirmed case of the virus, as of Tuesday.

The previous high was 611 on June 3.



“I think when you see your deaths going up and your hospitalizations going up, that’s worrisome, and that’s not affected by your level of testing,” said State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris in an interview Tuesday before the data error was corrected.

The rising hospitalization numbers come after the Alabama Department of Public Health revised its daily hospitalization data to correct inadvertent data duplicates that had been included from some hospitals across the state in earlier data.

“A couple of hospitals were reporting duplicates to the Alabama Incident Management System (AIMS) which feeds this chart,” the department said in a statement on Twitter. “We have retroactively updated the numbers on the Daily Hospitalizations of Confirmed Cases chart on our Dashboard.”

THREAD: The number of patients provided on the Daily Hospitalizations of Confirmed Cases chart on our Dashboard: <https://t.co/GTqOp3nNQU> has changed. A couple of hospitals were reporting duplicates to the Alabama Incident Management System (AIMS) which feeds this chart. (1/2) [pic.twitter.com/kadAFxpRMM](https://pic.twitter.com/kadAFxpRMM)

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Data shown on the dashboard before Wednesday showed a peak in daily hospitalizations on May 18 of 536 COVID-19 hospitalizations and then a steady plateau. The new data, by contrast, shows a consistent increase in daily hospitalizations since the pandemic began.

The Alabama Department of Public Health’s public data of daily hospitalizations is fed by the Alabama Incident Management System, a computer system typically utilized during disasters like hurricanes and tornadoes to which hospitals voluntarily report real-time information to the state.

Alabama is one of two states without a statewide discharge database, which would make tracking hospitalizations easier.