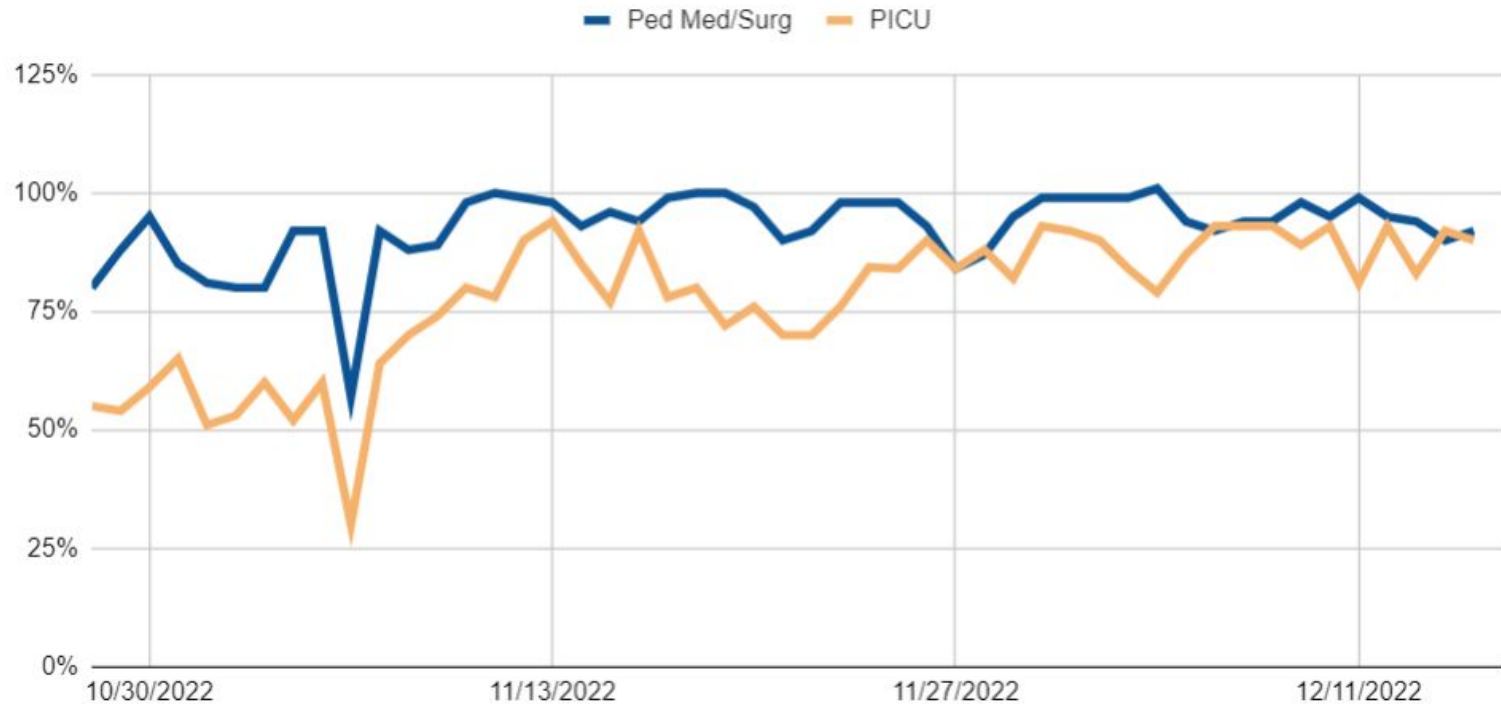


Pediatric Respiratory Illness Surge Overview

December 16, 2022

Utah Total Ped Beds



Surge of Pediatric Respiratory Patients

Current Situation:

- In Utah and across nation, unprecedented pediatric surge
 - Overlapping diseases, high rates
 - Low influenza vaccine uptake
- Staffing shortages and limited specialty expertise.
- Supply shortages:
 - pediatric respiratory support supplies, BiPaps
- Pharmaceutical shortages:
 - antibiotics, antipyretics, inhaled beta-2 agonists, oseltamivir, anti-inflammatories
- Well developed contingency strategies implemented by PCH
 - Risk of exceeding critical care capacity

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Current Activities:

- Provide situational awareness across healthcare systems and states.
- Share surge strategies: repurposing units, double bunking like-illnesses
- Investigating options to provide healthcare personnel support to PCH.
- Request healthcare systems manage older and less critical pediatric patients.
- Promote local coordination with health departments and regional healthcare coalitions for surge support and resources.

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Guidance in development:

- Recommendations for pediatric placement prioritization and care resources
- Patient transfer resources
- Surge planning resources
- CMS waivers
- Clinical staffing resources
- Equipment and supply resource requests
- Mental health resources

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