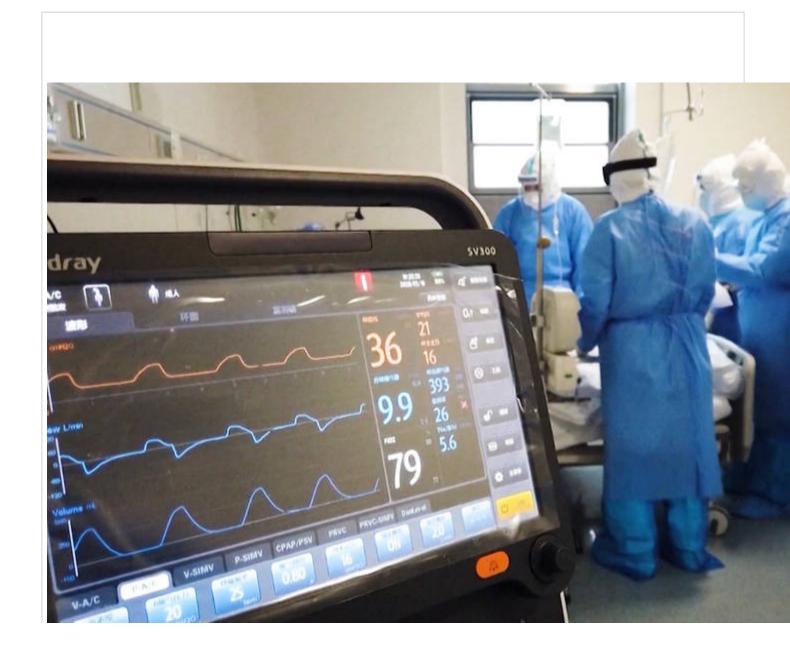# U.S. has second-worst day of pandemic as Los Angeles logs two COVID-19 deaths per hour

Los Angeles, December 18 (RHC)-- The United States has logged its second-worst day of the pandemic after shattering records just one day earlier. On Thursday, the U.S. recorded over 233,000 new infections and nearly 3,300 deaths.

**U.S. has second-worst day of pandemic as Los Angeles logs two COVID-19 deaths per hour**

Intensive care units in Southern California and other parts of the state report they've run out of ICU beds. On average, two people are dying of COVID-19 each hour in Los Angeles.

Meanwhile, lawyers representing patients at Southern California's largest psychiatric hospital are demanding the release or transfer of hundreds of people amid a massive outbreak that's sickened nearly 700 patients and killed 10. The lawyers describe the state-run Patton State Hospital as a "tinderbox" for COVID-19.

# Radio Habana Cuba