

Alaska hospitals overwhelmed by COVID-19 patients

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Under the policy, hospitals may now deny treatment to people deemed less likely to survive. Alaska’s chief medical officer, Dr. Anne Zink, told reporters: “The strain on our hospital systems is impacting not only

people with COVID-19, but people who are there because of a stroke or heart attack or a kid who falls off their bike.”

The United States reported nearly 2,800 COVID-19 deaths Wednesday, more than a quarter of the reported worldwide death toll for the day. The Food and Drug Administration has approved third-dose booster shots of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine for people aged 65 and older.

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