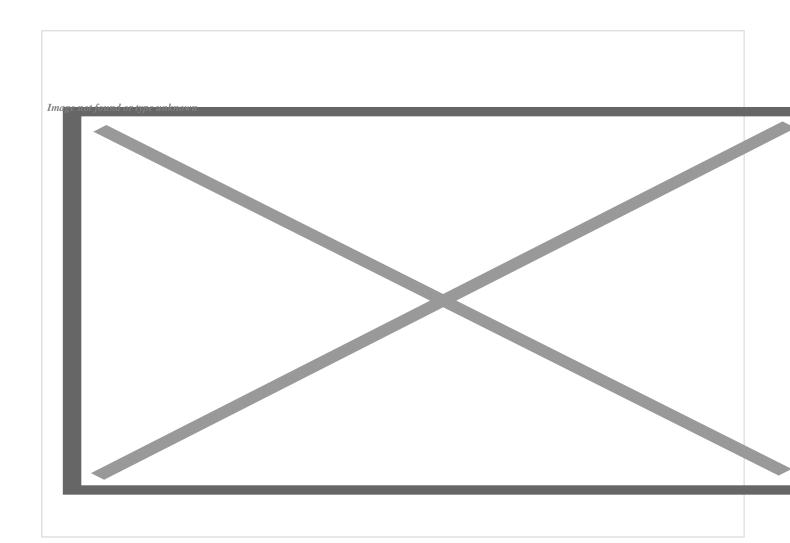
COVID cases rising in over half of U.S. states



Washington, November 15 (RHC)-- In the United States, COVID-19 cases and deaths are rising in at least 29 states. Hospitalizations are also increasing in nearly half of all states. Public health experts warn the U.S. could face a new wave as winter weather and the holidays drive more people to gather indoors.

Meanwhile, the Pentagon said it would respond after the newly appointed commander of the Oklahoma National Guard said none of the state's 10,000 Guard members would be required to get vaccinated against COVID, defying a vaccine mandate ordered by U.S. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin.



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