This surge is beyond what anybody could have imagined.

If people continue to gather for the upcoming holidays, we are going to cripple our hospital system.

- It's the number of beds filling up very quickly.

- They're talking about doubling up on the rooms,
tripling up on the rooms,

and I've never seen it like this.

It's getting out of control.

- I'm seeing people die alone.

I'm seeing nurses exhausted,

missing their families

and every day come to work

worried about what am I gonna see today?
That feeling of not being able to catch your breath, imagine doing that while you're trying to breathe through a straw that's in your throat, in your mouth. That is the horrifying reality that we have to deal with.
I also worry about the stamina and mental health of our providers. My nursing staff, what happens if they get sick? Who's gonna come to the hospital and work? Patients are exhausted. Staff are exhausted.
- I'm doing all this work here for your family,

for your friends,

for people that you may know.

And some people don't take it seriously out there.

Sometimes it feels like a slap in the face.

- The biggest thing that I hear from patients all the time is,
"I didn't think it was gonna get this bad"

or, "I never thought I would end up here."

- At the end of the day,

we are people just like you,

caring for people like you.

- If we continue to gather indoors

at the rate that we are,

many more of us will not see
the holidays next year.

- Each one of you have a vital role to play to control the spread of this virus.

- We need to end this pandemic.

- Don't be the person that gives COVID-19 to someone you love or know,

you may not forgive yourself for that.

(light music)