

# Lifespan reports net loss of \$76M for March

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Lifespan said Wednesday that the [coronavirus pandemic](#) has had a significant impact on the bottom line.

The health system, which is Rhode Island's largest private employer, said its operating loss for March directly linked to the coronavirus was \$23.8 million and that total losses were \$32.7 million when factoring in restructuring expenses unrelated to COVID-19. Lifespan said the total net loss for March was \$75.7 million when including investment losses. That's double fiscal year 2019's net loss of \$34.9 million, which was its worst financial performance in more than a decade.

"The losses were primarily due to the canceling of elective surgeries, closing of ambulatory sites, and a significant reduction in office and emergency room visits," Lifespan said in a news release.

Lifespan also said it increased spending on staffing, testing and equipment to prepare for its coronavirus response.

The company said it could see operating losses of \$100 million for the period of March to May.

"We are working around the clock developing plans to mitigate these losses while working hard to keep as many Lifespan staff employed as possible. We sincerely hope the state and federal government will provide enough financial relief to ensure that Lifespan can be here when our citizens need us the most," Lifespan President and CEO Dr. Timothy Babineau said in a statement.

Babineau said Lifespan recently received about \$25 million in federal funding. United Nurses and Allied Professionals Local 5098, which represents about 2,700 health care workers at Rhode Island and Hasbro Children's Hospitals, released a statement saying it has been in touch with the governor and lawmakers about the financial condition of hospitals during the crisis.

"UNAP has worked closely and well with hospital leaders during these difficult times, and we recognize the extreme financial pressure Lifespan is under, but our members are risking their lives and any present or future plans to reduce staff at Rhode Island Hospital would be borderline criminal," the statement said.

Babineau said Lifespan had started to turn its finances around with the restructuring plan. [Hundreds of jobs were eliminated](#) last month through a combination of layoffs and early retirement. Lifespan said Babineau stopped collecting his salary as of April 1.

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