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## SECOND WAVE TAKING TOLL ON HOSPITALS

IMPACT OF COVID-19 FELT  
IN HEALTH-CARE SYSTEM  
AND COMMUNITY

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The community is at a critical juncture.

As the year defined by COVID-19 comes to an end with the second wave of the pandemic raging on, Dr. Nadia Alam, a Halton physician and past-president of the Ontario Medical Association, is sounding the alarm that the health-care system is on the verge of being overwhelmed.

"Our ICUs are getting full. Our hospitals are getting full. And that means that patients who are the sickest of the sick will not be able to get the care that they should get," she said, calling for the com-

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IMPACTING YOUR  
COMMUNITY

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A nurse at one of Halton Healthcare's COVID-19 assessment centres dispenses hand sanitizer to all those who enter.

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