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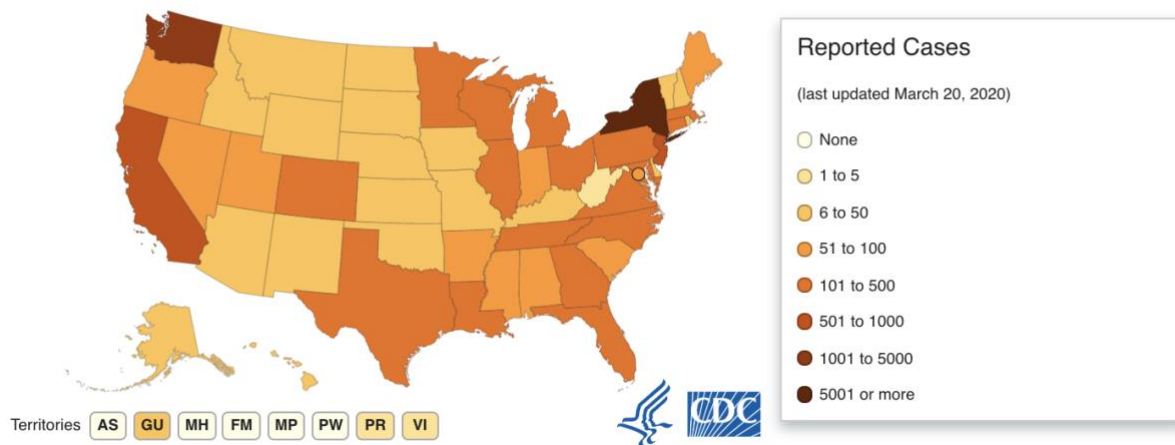
Montana Hospital Association - Situation Report

March 20, 2020

COVID-19

REPORTED CASES	
Montana <i>New in last 24 hours: 6</i>	21
United States <i>New in last 24 hours: +4,777 (+46%)</i>	15,219
WA	1,524
ID	31
WY	20
ND	26
SD	14

States Reporting Cases of COVID-19 to CDC*



OPERATIONS

CMS releases telehealth toolkits. CMS today released [telehealth toolkits for general practitioners](#) and providers treating patients with [end-stage renal disease](#). Each toolkit links to sources of information on telehealth, such as how to initiate a telemedicine program, monitor patients remotely, develop documentation tools and other topics. They also outline temporary virtual services that could be used to treat patients during the COVID-19 pandemic.

PLANNING

Resource Reporting to Juvare (EMResource). Continue to report bed availability and PPE item inventory. Data will be used by the State in requesting emergency supplies and managing allocation. Please complete all daily updates by [8:00AM](#) each morning. For assistance, contact your [Healthcare Preparedness Program \(HPP\) region coordinator](#).

LOGISTICS

PPE Supply Equivalents. ECRI released best matches for the three most popular exam gloves, disinfecting wipes, isolation gowns, IV solutions, N95 air purifying respirators, shoe covers and surgical masks, based on key performance indicators (KPIs) and functional equivalence. Proprietary database includes manufacturer name, catalog number, percentage match, median price, and KPI details. Access the [AHRMM PPE Price Guide](#) here.

COVID-19 staffing and supply chain solutions from MHA Ventures. Supply chain updates from GPO Intalere, new sources for high-demand supplies (including N95s and facemasks), and other helpful resources are [posted here](#).

Quick reference: COVID-19 infection prevention and control. [This summary](#) sheet is a useful quick reference to the CDC's IPC guidance to protect staff and patients.

CISA guidance on essential critical infrastructure workers during issues COVID-19 curfews and lockdowns. The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency yesterday issued [guidance](#) for identifying which infrastructure sectors and essential workers are needed to maintain services and functions during the COVID-19 pandemic response, including in the healthcare and public health sector. The guidance is intended for state, local, and industry partners' use in

identifying essential critical infrastructure workers during periods of community restriction, access management, social distancing or closure orders.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

CFOs: Survey on COVID-19 financial impacts. The Montana Facility Finance Authority and Montana Hospital Association are gathering information on the expected financial impact of both COVID-19 and the economic challenges facing facilities across the state. Please help us understand your facility's financial needs so we can help shape the policies that will impact the financial condition of Montana's healthcare delivery system. MHA distributed a short, 5-minute survey to member CFOs today. As state and federal officials are moving quickly to address this issue, responses are requested by March 24. [Complete the survey here.](#)

Capital access efforts in the works. At this time, MHA is working on three options for hospitals to access capital outside of traditional bank financing: Montana Facility Financing Authority's Direct Loan and Trust Fund programs; the SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan program; and emergency funding recently authorized by congress under the Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act). Contact MHA's Sean Becker with questions: sean.becker@mtha.org or 406-457-8019.

COMMUNICATIONS

State of Montana COVID-19 Hotline: 1-888-333-0461

Montanans can also email questions to covid19info@mt.gov. State public health officials will be responding to inquiries from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday.

MHA Incident Management Team: esf8@mtha.org

REFERENCE LINKS

GENERAL

Contact Information: [Local & Tribal County Health Departments](#)

[MHA COVID-19 Member Resources](#)

[State of Montana COVID-19 Information](#)

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention COVID-19 Information](#)

[Healthcare Professionals Preparedness Checklist](#) (CDC)

[Hospital Preparedness Tool](#) (CDC)

[COVID-19 FAQs for Healthcare Providers](#) (CDC)

EMS

[EMS Infectious Disease Playbook](#) (ASPR/TRACIE)

[Montana EMS Guidance](#) (DPHHS)

REGULATORY

[EMTALA Requirements and Implications Related to COVID-19](#) (CMS)

CLINICAL CARE

[March 13 | Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity \(COCA\) Call](#) (CDC)

[Guidelines for Collecting, Handling and Testing Clinical Specimens](#) (CDC)

[Clinical Guidance for Management of Patients with Confirmed COVID-19](#) (CDC)

[Criteria for Evaluation and Reporting of Persons Under Investigation](#) (CDC)

TELEHEALTH

[Medicare Telehealth FAQ](#) (CMS)

[Montana Medicaid Coverage & Reimbursement Policy for Telehealth Services](#)
(DPHHS)

INFECTION PREVENTION & CONTROL

[Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Patients with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19 in Healthcare Settings](#) (CDC)

[Additional Guidance for Infection Control and Prevention of COVID-19 in Home Health Agencies](#) (CMS)

[Additional Guidance for Infection Control and Prevention of COVID-19 in Dialysis Facilities](#) (CMS)

[Additional Guidance for Infection Control and Prevention of COVID-19 in Nursing Homes](#) (CMS)

[Additional Guidance for Infection Control and Prevention of COVID-19 by Hospice Agencies](#) (CMS)

[Strategies for Optimizing the Supply of PPE](#) (CDC)

[Extending the Use and/or Reusing Respiratory Protection During Disasters](#) (APIC)

[Temporary Enforcement Guidance – Healthcare Respiratory Protection](#) (OSHA)

WORKFORCE PROTECTION & SUPPORT

[Management of Healthcare Personnel with Potential Exposure to Patients with COVID-19](#) (CDC)

[Criteria for Return to Work for Healthcare Personnel](#) (CDC)

[Montana Hospital Mutual Aid System Memo & Agreement](#)

COMMUNITY MITIGATION STRATEGIES

[Mitigation Strategies for Communities with Local COVID-19 Transmission](#) (CDC)

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