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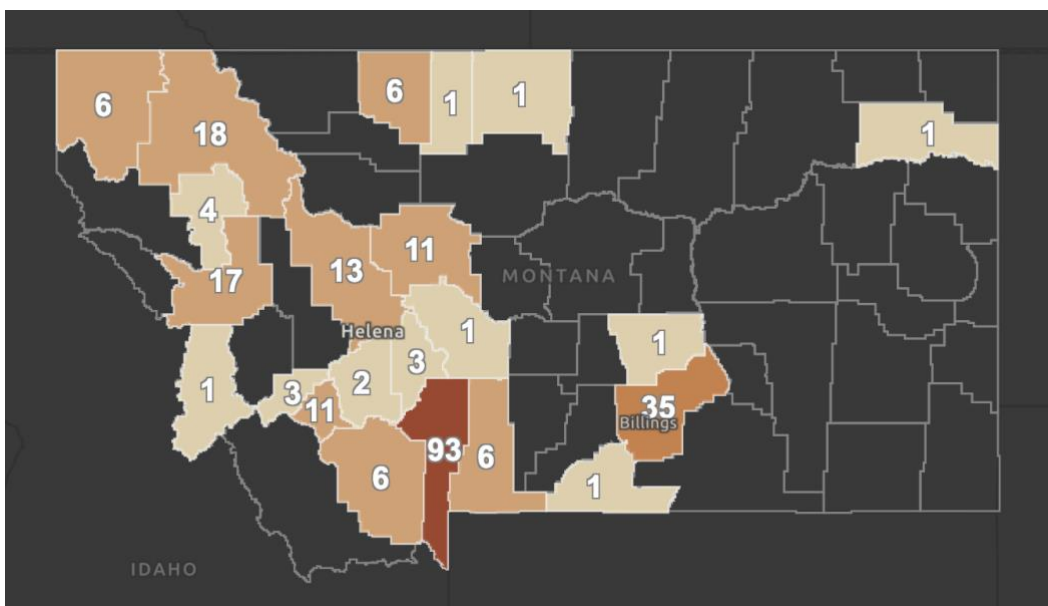
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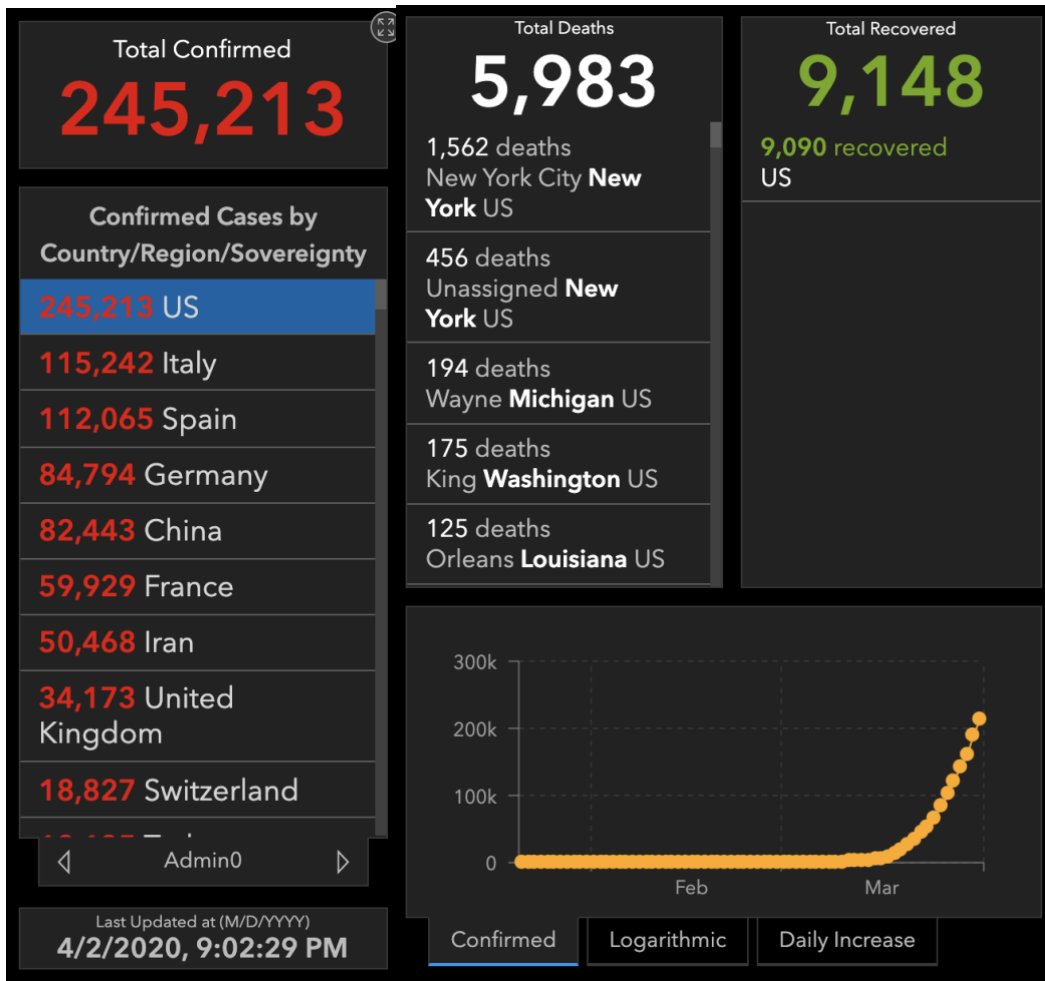
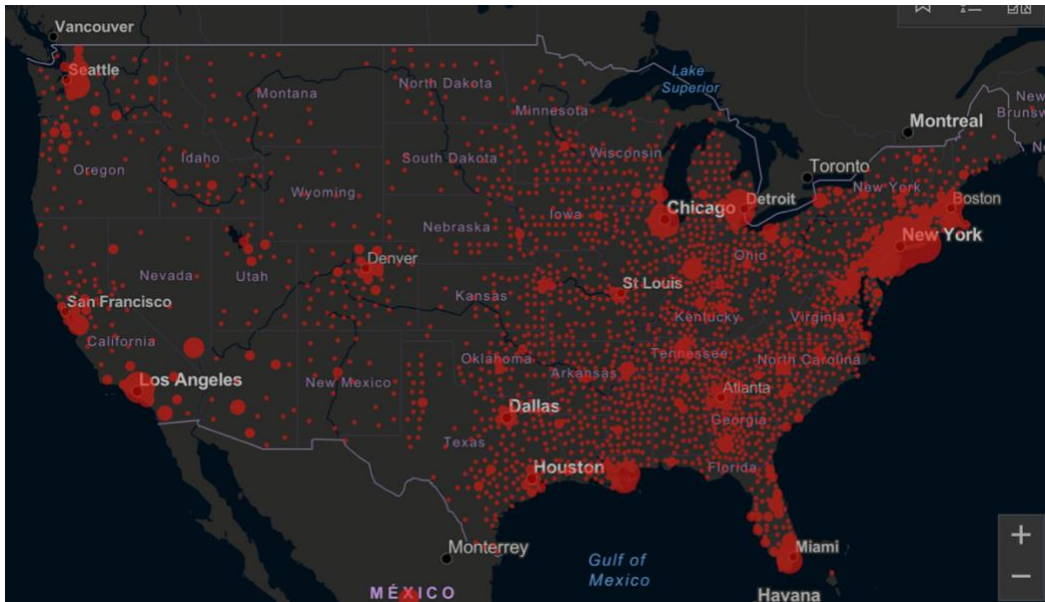
Montana Hospital Association - Situation Report

April 2, 2020

## COVID-19

REPORTED CASES	
<b>Montana</b> <i>Hospitalized: 24</i> <i>Deaths: 5</i> <i>New in last 24 hours: 24 (+11%)</i> Source: <a href="#">Montana COVID-19 Dashboard</a>	<b>241</b>
<b>United States</b> <i>New in last 24 hours: 28,698 (+13%)</i> Source: <a href="#">Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard</a>	<b>245,213</b>
<b>WA</b>	<b>6,585</b>
<b>ID</b>	<b>891</b>
<b>WY</b>	<b>153</b>
<b>ND</b>	<b>159</b>
<b>SD</b>	<b>165</b>





## OPERATIONS

**Care delivery in times of resource scarcity.** Responding to requests from hospitals and health systems nationwide, the American Hospital Association has compiled [resources, tools and sample policies](#) that hospital and clinical leaders may find helpful in developing their own organization's approach to caring for patients with

limited resources or under crisis circumstances. Guidance released by HHS on March 31 on [optimizing ventilator use](#) is included in the compendium links.

**CDC updates COVID-19 infection control guidance for healthcare facilities.** The CDC yesterday [updated](#) its infection prevention and control guidance for healthcare facilities, and [posted a form](#) for reporting patients under investigation for COVID-19 infection.

**FDA grants emergency use of SARS-CoV-2 antibody test.** The FDA yesterday authorized emergency use of [two new diagnostic tests](#) for COVID-19, including the [first reported test](#) to measure SARS-CoV-2 antibodies in blood collected from individuals with suspected COVID-19.

## PLANNING

**Resource reporting to Juvare (EMResource).** Continue to report bed availability and PPE item inventory. Please complete all daily updates by 8:00AM each morning. For assistance, contact your [Healthcare Preparedness Program \(HPP\) region coordinator](#).

## LOGISTICS

**Emergency PPE requests.** All requests for emergency PPE and other resources must be submitted to the local county LEPC or Disaster and Emergency Services/Emergency Management coordinator.

**President uses DPA to facilitate production of ventilators.** President Trump today [directed](#) the Health and Human Services Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security, to use Defense Production Act authorities to facilitate the supply of materials to produce ventilators to General Electric Company, Hill-Rom Holdings Inc., Medtronic Public Limited Company, ResMed Inc., Royal Philips N.V., and Vyaire Medical Inc.

**FDA updates blood donation guidance to boost supply.** The FDA today [announced](#) updated guidance to address the urgent need for blood during the COVID-19 pandemic. This [guidance](#) revises previous recommendations regarding blood donor eligibility in order to help ensure an adequate-but-safe national blood supply.

## FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

**HHS allows health information sharing during COVID-19 emergency.** HHS' Office for Civil Rights [will not penalize](#) healthcare providers or their business associates for violations of certain HIPAA provisions. HHS said good faith uses and disclosures of protected health information to the CDC, CMS, state and local

health departments and state emergency operations centers will help with the exchange of information to flatten the curve. Current regulations allow a HIPAA business associate to use and disclose protected health information for public health and health oversight purposes only if expressly permitted by its business associate agreement with a HIPAA covered entity.

## COMMUNICATIONS

**New COVID-19 Resource Library.** MHA has posted a [library](#) of helpful resources and sample material from other hospitals, healthcare organizations and states in their response to COVID-19. Categories include clinical care, testing, PPE, infection control, patient transfers and more. Content will be updated and expanded on a regular basis.

**HHS hospital-specific COVID-19 questions:** [HospitalCOVID19@hhs.gov](mailto:HospitalCOVID19@hhs.gov)

**SITREP Archive.** Daily Situation Reports archived [here](#).

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

Montanans can also email questions to [covid19info@mt.gov](mailto: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](mailto: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)

[MHA Consensus Statement on the Cancellation of Elective Procedures](#)

### EMS

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

[Montana EMS Guidance](#) (DPHHS)

## REGULATORY

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

[PHI Guidance for COVID-19 First Responders](#) (OCR/HHS)

[Summary of COVID-19 Emergency Declaration Waivers and Flexibilities](#) (CMS)

[Provider-specific Fact Sheets on Waivers and Flexibilities](#) (CMS)

## CLINICAL CARE

[March 24 Memo to Montana Healthcare Providers on COVID-19 Testing](#) (DPHHS)

[Evaluating and Testing Persons for COVID-19](#)(CDC)

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

[March 26 Diagnostic Testing Update re: Swabs](#) (FDA)

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

[COVID-19 and Underlying Medical Conditions](#) (CDC)

FAQs: [Higher Risk Persons](#) & [Underlying Conditions](#) (CDC)

[Discontinuation of Transmission-Based Precautions of Patients with COVID-19](#)  
(CDC)

## RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES

[Guidance for Retirement Communities and Independent Living](#) (CDC)

[Preventing the Spread of COVID-19 in Retirement Communities and Independent Living Facilities](#) (CDC)

[COVID-19 Checklist: Older Persons](#) (CDC)

## TELEHEALTH

[Medicare Telehealth FAQ](#) (CMS)

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

[Telehealth Toolkit for General Practitioners](#) (CMS)

[Telehealth Toolkit for Providers of End-Stage Renal Disease Patients](#) (CMS)

Watch: [“COVID-19 Telehealth Waiver Made Simple”](#) (PYA)

[Telehealth Toolkit for Long-Term Care Nursing Home Facilities](#) (CMS)

## INFECTION PREVENTION & CONTROL

**REVISED:** [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)

## PPE

[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)

[PPE Supply Equivalents & Price Guide](#) (AHRMM)

[Conserving Facemasks and Respirators During a Critical Shortage](#) (TJC)

[PPE Burn Rate Calculator](#) (CDC)

[PPE Emergency Use Authorizations](#) (FDA)

**NEW:** [Decontamination and Reuse of Filtering Facepiece Respirators](#) (CDC)

## 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](#)

[COVID-19 Safety Training Resources](#) (NIH)

[COVID-19 and the American Workplace Toolkit](#) (US Dept. of Labor)

[Memo on Registration for Out-of-State Licensees](#) (MT DLI)

**NEW:** [FFCRA FMLA and Paid Leave FAQs](#) (US DOL)

## COMMUNITY MITIGATION STRATEGIES

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

[Tips to Keep Children Healthy While School's Out](#) (CDC)

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