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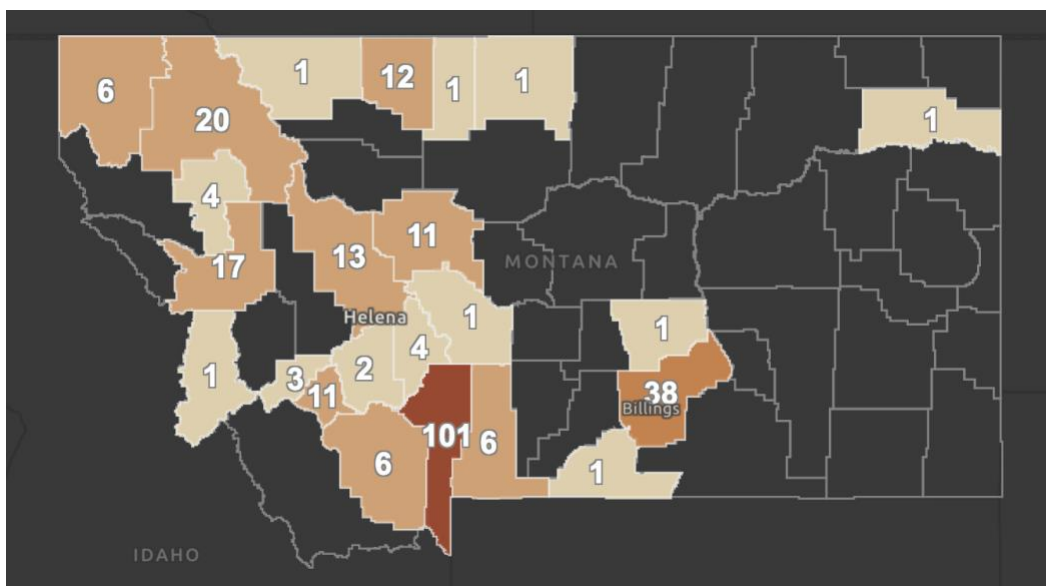
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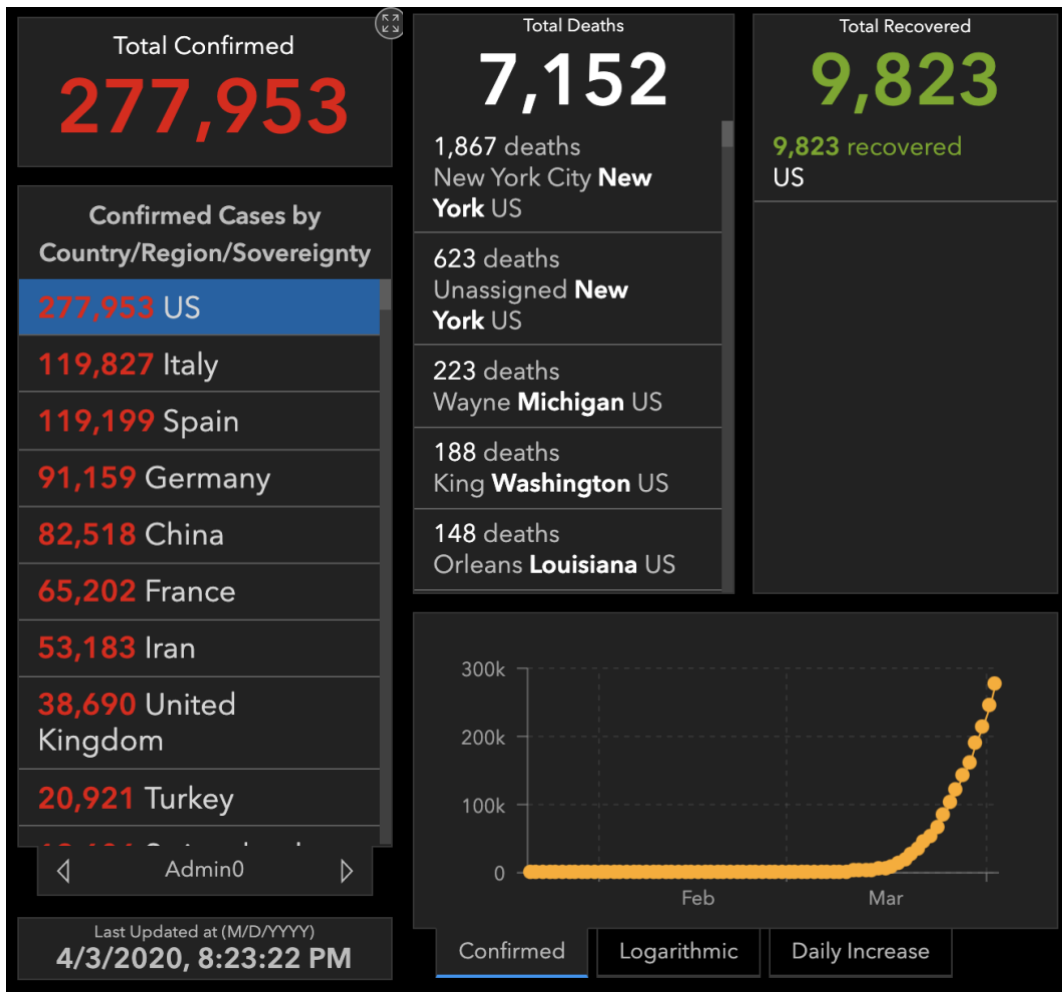
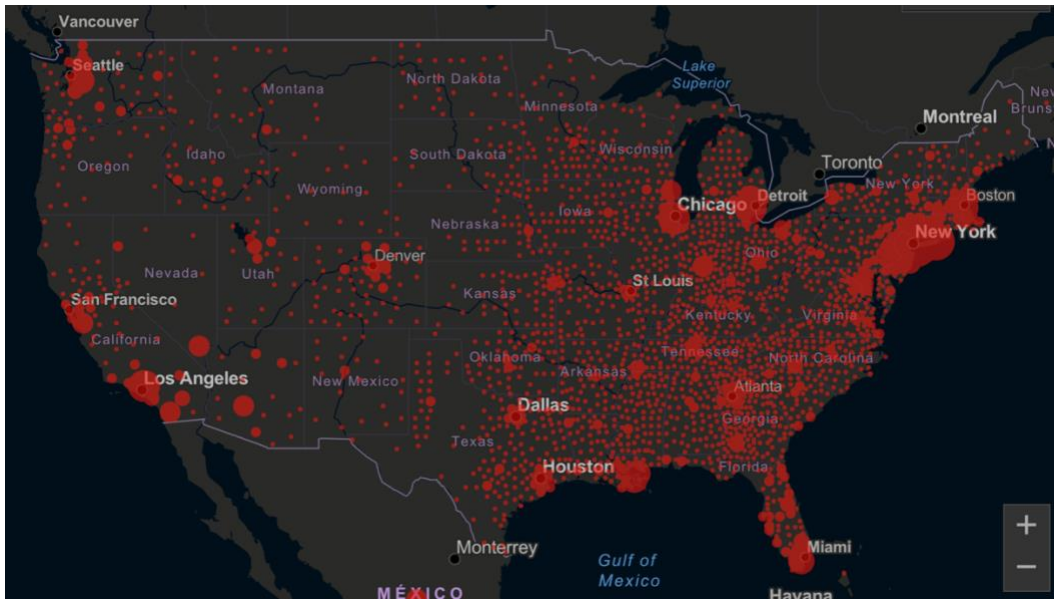
Montana Hospital Association - Situation Report

April 3, 2020

COVID-19

REPORTED CASES	
Montana <i>Hospitalized: 24 (+0)</i> <i>Deaths: 5 (+0)</i> <i>New in last 24 hours: 21 (+9%)</i> Source: Montana COVID-19 Dashboard	262
United States <i>New in last 24 hours: 28,698 (+13%)</i> Source: Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard	277,953
WA	6,966
ID	1,013
WY	166
ND	173
SD	187





OPERATIONS

Agencies issue COVID-19 guidance for LTC facilities. CMS, in consultation with the CDC, yesterday [issued guidance](#) to state and local governments and long-term care facilities to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Among other actions, the agencies recommend LTC providers, including nursing homes and skilled nursing

facilities, work with state and local leaders to designate separate facilities or units within a facility for patients and residents who have COVID-19; and use separate staffing teams for COVID-19 patients "to the best of their ability."

CMS issues Medicaid telehealth guidance for states. CMS yesterday released to states an [informational bulletin](#) identifying opportunities for using telehealth to increase rural and other access to Medicaid services and treatment for substance use disorders, including during the COVID-19 emergency.

NIDA Director: SUD patients face unique challenges during COVID-19 pandemic. The COVID-19 pandemic poses a unique challenge to people who smoke or vape, are already struggling with substance use disorders or are in recovery from addiction, and will force the healthcare system to accelerate new ways of meeting treatment and recovery needs, [writes](#) National Institute on Drug Abuse Director Nora Volkow, M.D., in the Annals of Internal Medicine. She notes that these individuals are at "increased risk for infection and its more severe consequences, and that strained healthcare systems and social distancing will present unique challenges to those with SUD."

White House to prioritize rural access to rapid COVID-19 tests. The White House Coronavirus Task Force will prioritize rapid COVID-19 testing to support remote, rural parts of the country with the least access to testing, including nursing homes and the Indian Health Services, officials [said](#) yesterday.

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.

Volunteer registration website opens. Montana Healthcare Mutual Aid System (MHMAS) today opened its [volunteer registration platform](#). MHMAS is a secure, web-based online registration system used to register, verify and credential volunteer healthcare professionals before a major disaster or public health emergency occurs. Registration is open to Montana's health and medical professionals, as well as non-medical professionals who would like the opportunity to volunteer to respond to "all hazards" incidents. Due to high

volume of applications already received, please be advised there may be a delay in immediately responding to applicants.

NIOSH proposes alternative regulatory requirements for respirators. The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) is proposing the issuance of [alternative regulatory requirements](#) for powered air-purifying respirators. The agency said its intent is "to meet the special needs of healthcare workers, thereby providing respirator manufacturers with more product design options to address the needs of this market."

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Summary of funding opportunities. MHA has compiled a [list of known funding sources](#) and opportunities to help hospitals address cash flow and revenue shortages due to COVID-19. Details change frequently. The list will be updated as new information is available.

FEMA fact sheet on public assistance for private non-profits. FEMA yesterday published a [fact sheet](#) outlining the requirements private non-profit (PNP) organizations must meet in order to be eligible to apply for funding through the [Public Assistance \(PA\) Program](#). The document describes two categories of eligibility that must be met to qualify: (1) requirements for the applicant (PNP) and (2) requirements for the work being done by the applicant.

Paycheck Protection Program opens today. Lenders began accepting applications for Paycheck Protection Program loans today, April 3, 2020. Borrowers who are seeking loans submit their applications to either their existing lender or another lender that participates in SBA's 7(a) business loan program. Borrowers may find the process works fastest if they go through their existing lenders. Borrowers can ask their existing lenders whether they participate in the SBA 7 (a) business loan program or they can check for participating lenders by using the Small Business Administration's LenderMatch which is available on SBA's website. In addition, SBA has released an [interim final rule](#) with a number of frequently asked questions about this opportunity.

COMMUNICATIONS

CMS Hospital Call on April 4; transcript from March 31 call available. Read the [transcript](#) of the March 31 call for hospital and health system leaders hosted by CMS Administrator Seema Verma. CMS will host another call for hospital and health system leaders on Saturday, April 4 at 10 a.m. MST. Call-in: 877-251-0301; Conference ID: 8527456.

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

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. 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)

[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)

NEW: [Caring with Limited Resources during the COVID-19 Crisis](#) (AHA)

NEW: [Optimizing Ventilator Use during the COVID-19 Pandemic](#) (HHS)

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 4/1: [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)

[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)

[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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