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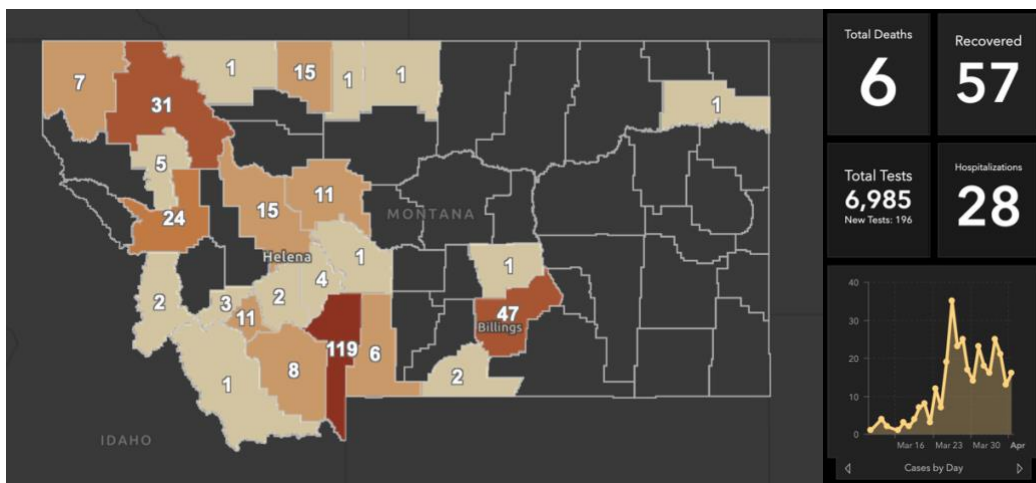
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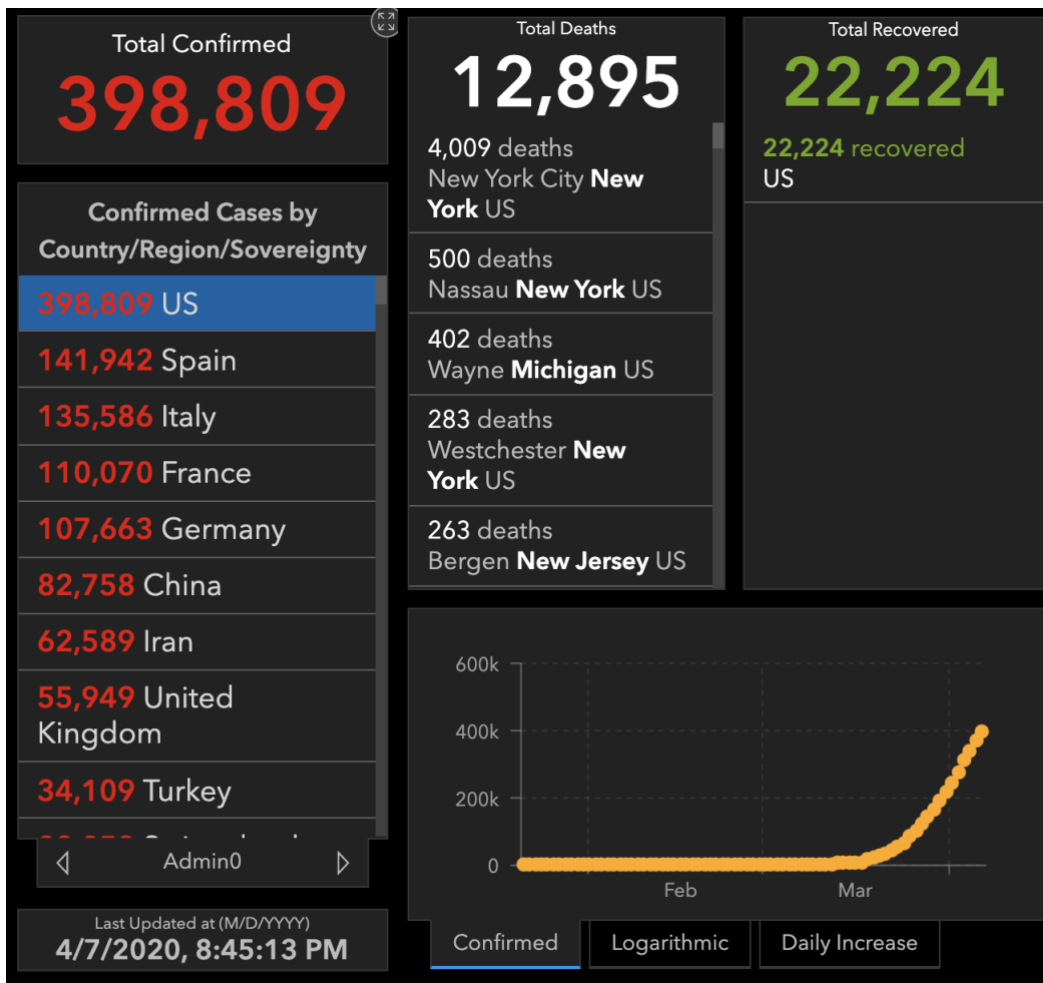
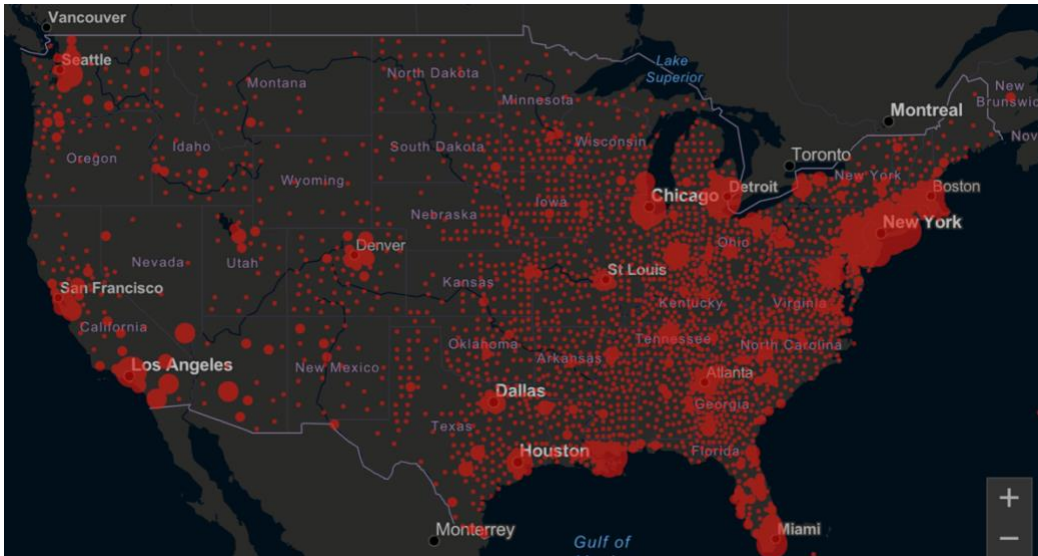
Montana Hospital Association - Situation Report

April 7, 2020

COVID-19

REPORTED CASES	
Montana Hospitalized: 28 (+1)* Recovered: 57 Deaths: 6 (+0)* New in last 24 hours: 0 (+0%)* Source: Montana COVID-19 Dashboard <i>*Effective today, Montana data is reported in mornings vs. evenings, resulting in few or no changes from 4/6/20 report.</i>	319*
United States New in last 24 hours: 30,613 (+8%) Source: Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard	398,809
WA	8,682
ID	1,210
WY	221
ND	237
SD	320





OPERATIONS

Study compares pediatric and adult COVID-19 cases. U.S. children with COVID-19 may be less likely than their adult counterparts to experience fever, cough or shortness of breath, and less likely to be hospitalized or die, according to a [report](#) released Monday by the CDC. Among the 291 U.S. pediatric cases and 10,944 U.S. adult cases studied, 73% of children had fever, cough or shortness of breath,

compared to 93% of adults. Compared to 10% of adults, 5.7% of pediatric patients were hospitalized, and three deaths were reported.

CDC launches weekly surveillance summary “COVIDView.” This [CDC report](#), first published April 4, provides a weekly summary and interpretation of key indicators being adapted to track the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States. This includes information related to COVID-19 outpatient visits, emergency department visits, hospitalizations and deaths, as well as laboratory data. The report will be updated each Friday.

DEA greenlights increased production, importation of controlled substances amid COVID-19 shortages. The DEA today [said](#) it is increasing annual caps for controlled substances whose supplies are in high demand due the COVID-19 crisis. DEA said it will increase the 2020 Aggregate Production Quotas by 15% for certain substances needed for the treatment of COVID-19, including fentanyl, morphine, hydromorphone, codeine, ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, and certain controlled substance intermediates which are essential to their production. The agency also is increasing the authorized amounts of certain schedule III and IV controlled substances needed to treat patients on ventilators that may be imported into the United States, including ketamine, diazepam, midazolam, lorazepam, and phenobarbital.

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

*****Submit PPE needs to DES coordinator in order to ensure allocation.** In order to receive an allocation of emergency PPE, healthcare organizations MUST [submit needs to their local DES coordinator](#) ASAP. Allocation is ongoing and supplies are limited.

ECRI updates respirator reuse and extended use guidance. To help healthcare professionals understand the potential risks and benefits of N95 respirator reuse or extended use during the COVID-19 emergency, ECRI updated its [clinical evidence assessment](#) on these practices. ECRI said the conclusions are not intended as a practice endorsement, but to provide practical guidance for clinical centers to consider during decision making.

Free and discounted services for healthcare workers. Hotels, airlines and other businesses are offering [free and discounted services](#) to frontline healthcare workers. Participating groups include Hilton, Marriott, United, Delta, Starbucks and Uber.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

U.S. district attorney seeks assistance of Montana hospitals. U.S. Attorney for the District of Montana Kurt Alme today sent a [letter](#) to MHA requesting the assistance of Montana hospitals in identifying individuals and companies that may have engaged in hoarding and price-gouging of vital medical supplies during the COVID-19 pandemic.

MIPS COVID-19 exception available. To provide relief to clinicians responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, CMS recently extended the 2019 Merit-based Incentive Payment System data submission deadline to April 30 at 6 p.m. MST. It also extended the MIPS automatic extreme and uncontrollable circumstances exception to individual clinicians; and reopened the [exception application process](#) to all other MIPS clinicians, including those who already submitted some or all of their data.

COMMUNICATIONS

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.

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: [County & Tribal Health Departments](#)

Contact Information: [County & Tribal DES Coordinators](#)

[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](#)

REVISED 4/6: [Summary of Funding Opportunities for Hospitals](#) (Compiled by MHA)

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)

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

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

yesterday [issued guidance](#) to state and local

LONG-TERM CARE & 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)

[COVID-19 Long-Term Care Facility Guidance](#) (CMS)

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)

[Informational Bulletin: Utilization of Telehealth for Treatment of SUDs](#) (CMS)

NEW: Watch: [CMS Telehealth FAQ video](#) (CMS)

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)

PPE

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

REVISED 4/3: [Strategies for Optimizing the Supply of N95 Respirators](#) (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)

[MHMAS Volunteer Registration System](#)

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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