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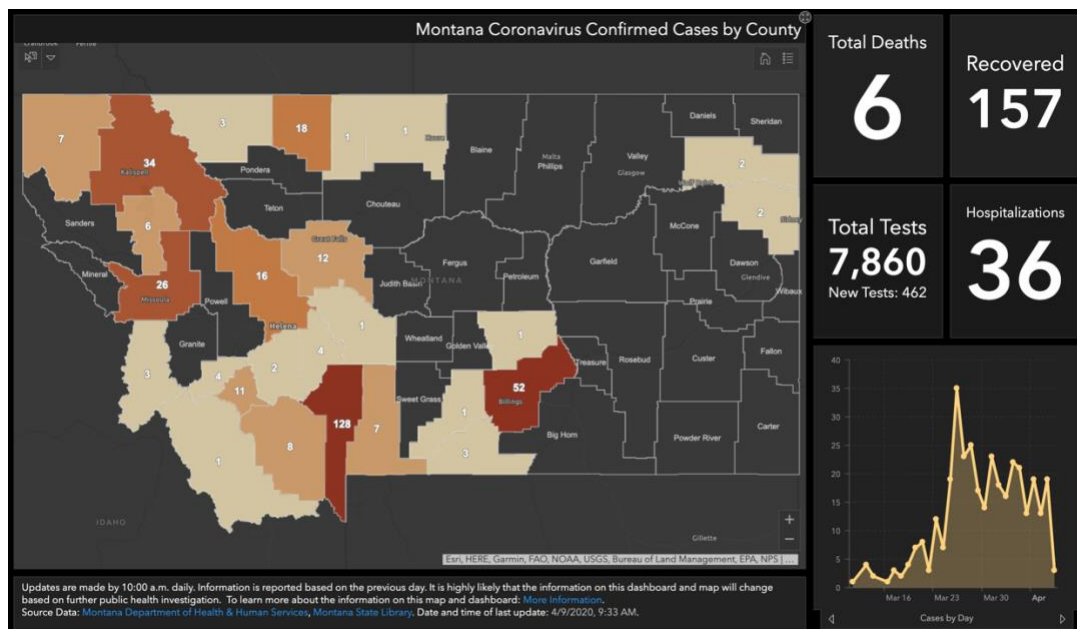
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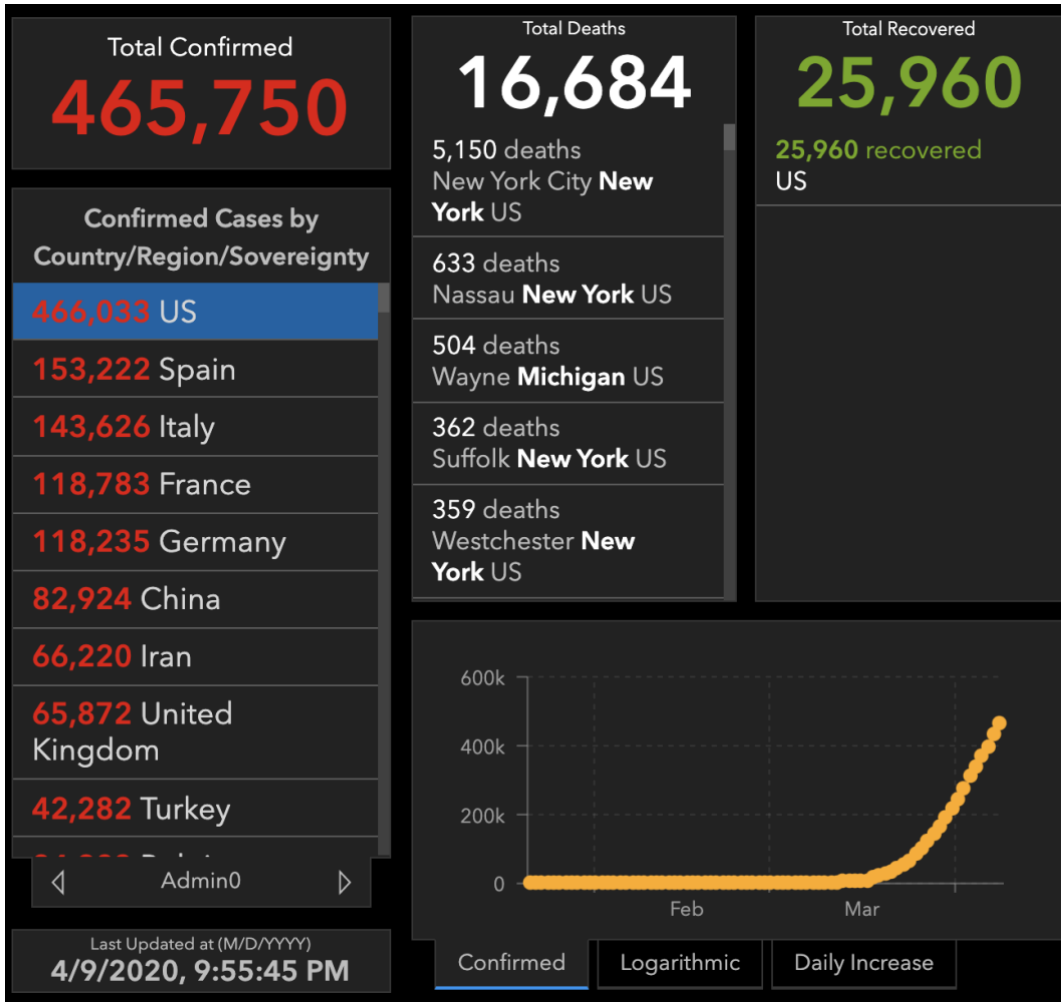
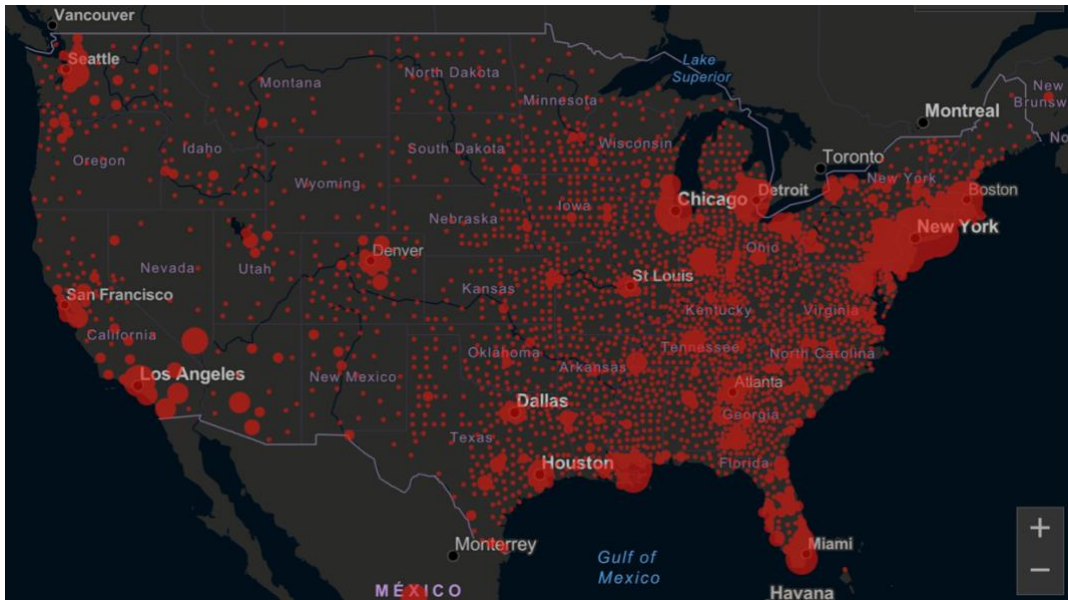
Montana Hospital Association - Situation Report

April 9, 2020

COVID-19

REPORTED CASES	
Montana <i>Hospitalized: 36 (+5)</i> <i>Recovered: 157</i> <i>Deaths: 6 (+0)</i> <i>New in last 24 hours: 22 (+7%)</i> Source: Montana COVID-19 Dashboard	354
United States <i>New in last 24 hours: 33,618 (+8%)</i> Source: Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard	465,750
WA	9,608
ID	1,353
WY	239
ND	269
SD	447





OPERATIONS

HHS authorizes licensed pharmacists to order and administer COVID-19 tests. To expand access to COVID-19 testing, HHS yesterday issued [guidance](#) authorizing licensed pharmacists to order and administer COVID-19 tests approved by the FDA, including serology tests. The authorization qualifies pharmacists for immunity from any related or resulting claims under the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act.

NIH launches COVID-19 clinical trial for hydroxychloroquine. The National Institutes of Health [said](#) today that it began a clinical trial of the safety and effectiveness of hydroxychloroquine for treating COVID-19. The trial is being conducted at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville and aims to enroll 500 adults who are currently "hospitalized with COVID-19 or in an emergency department with anticipated hospitalization."

CDC releases guidance on post-COVID-19 exposure return-to-work. The CDC has updated [guidance](#) for critical infrastructure workers' return to work following exposure to COVID-19. The interim guidance, which applies to personnel in 16 different sectors, permits continued work following potential COVID-19 exposure "provided they remain asymptomatic and additional precautions are implemented to protect them and the community." It also details practices workers and employers should follow prior to and during work shifts, including pre-screening, regular monitoring, the use of a face mask for 14 days following last exposure, social distancing, and disinfecting and cleaning work spaces and shared equipment.

CDC revises guidance on clinical specimen swabs, aligning with FDA guidance. CDC on April 2 [clarified](#) allowances for other swab types, aligning with FDA guidance released in March. Both agencies have now designated the following as acceptable alternatives to nasopharyngeal swabs: Oropharyngeal specimen collected by a healthcare professional; nasal mid-turbinate swab collected by a healthcare professional or by onsite self-collection (using a flocked tapered swab); or anterior nares (nasal swab) specimen collected by a healthcare professional or by onsite self-collection (using a flocked or spun polyester swab).

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](#). Allocation is ongoing and supplies are limited.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Federal Reserve announces new lending program for small- and mid-sized businesses. The Federal Reserve today [announced](#) the terms of both expanded and new "Main Street" lending facilities that would provide loans to a variety of eligible borrowers, including borrowers that obtain loans through the Paycheck Protection Program administered by the Small Business Administration and larger borrowers with up to 10,000 employees or \$2.5 billion in annual revenues. The Federal Reserve term sheet specifies that these facilities will be available to "businesses" without specifically addressing, or excluding, non-profits.

CMS updates FAQs for Medicare providers. Updated [FAQs](#) assist Medicare providers with billing, coding, and coverage guidance during the COVID-19 pandemic.

CMS releases new waivers on licensure issues, workplace flexibilities. CMS [issued](#) new blanket waivers today, addressing licensure issues and adding workplace flexibilities for the healthcare workforce. This [summary](#) includes details on the new waivers and other emergency waivers issued to date.

COMMUNICATIONS

For consumers: COVID-19 FAQs from the FDA. The FDA has updated its answers to [frequently asked questions](#) from consumers to include topics of blood supply and blood donation safety, convalescent blood plasma and face masks. The FAQs provide helpful and consumer-ready content and guidance hospitals and other providers can use in their patient and community-facing communications.

COVID-19 Resource Library. MHA has built a [library](#) of helpful resources and sample material from other hospitals, healthcare organizations and states in their response to COVID-19. Notable additions today:

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

REVISED 3/30: [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)

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)

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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