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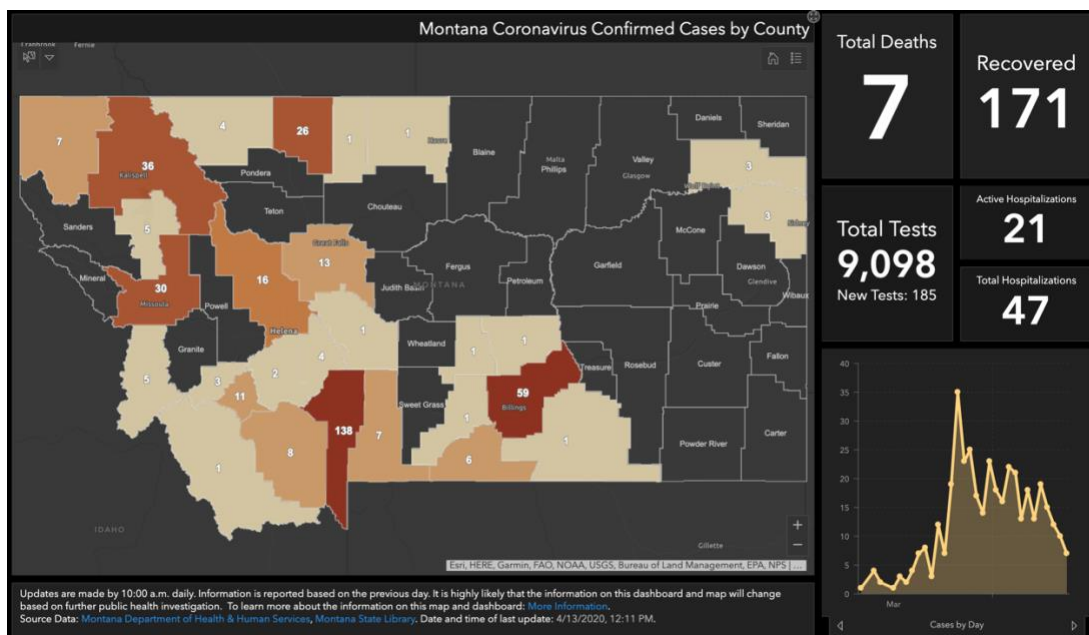
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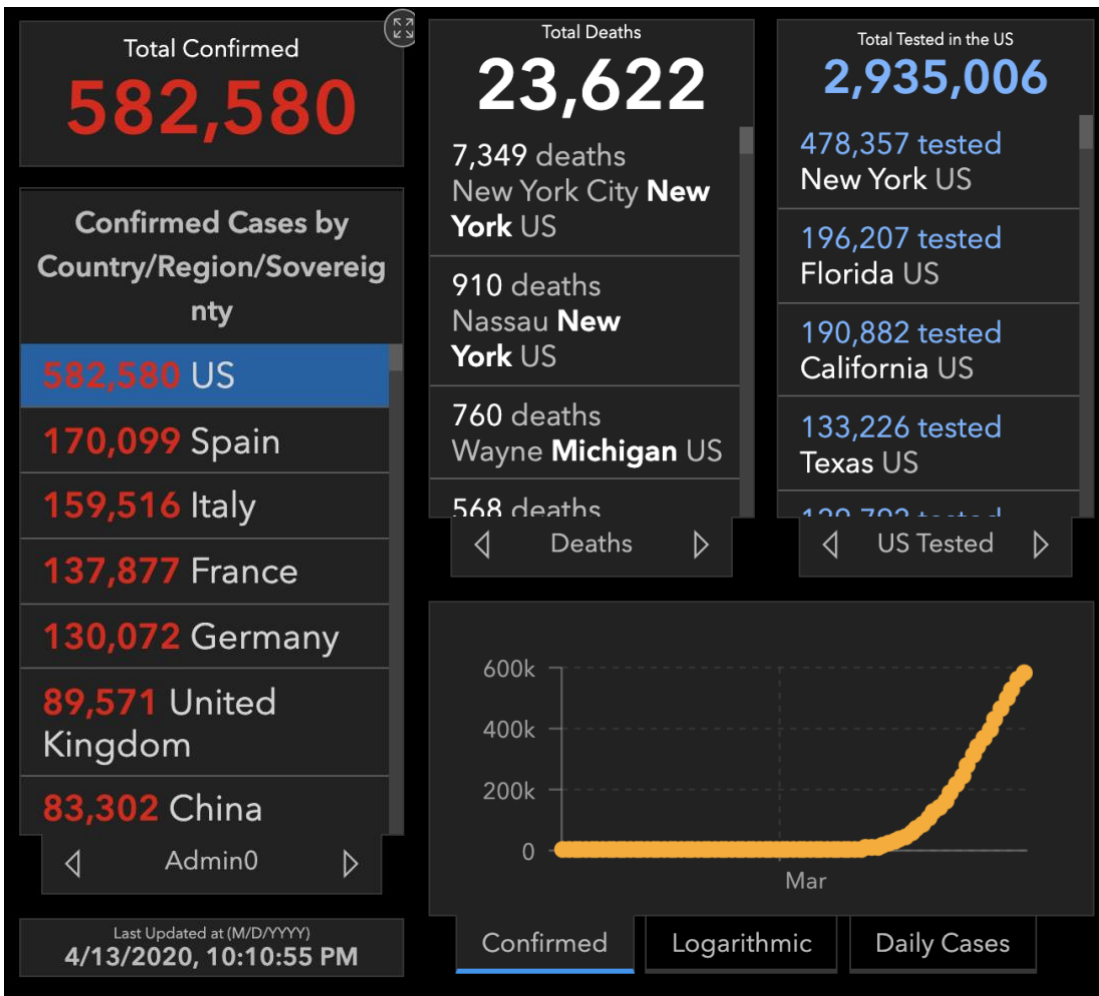
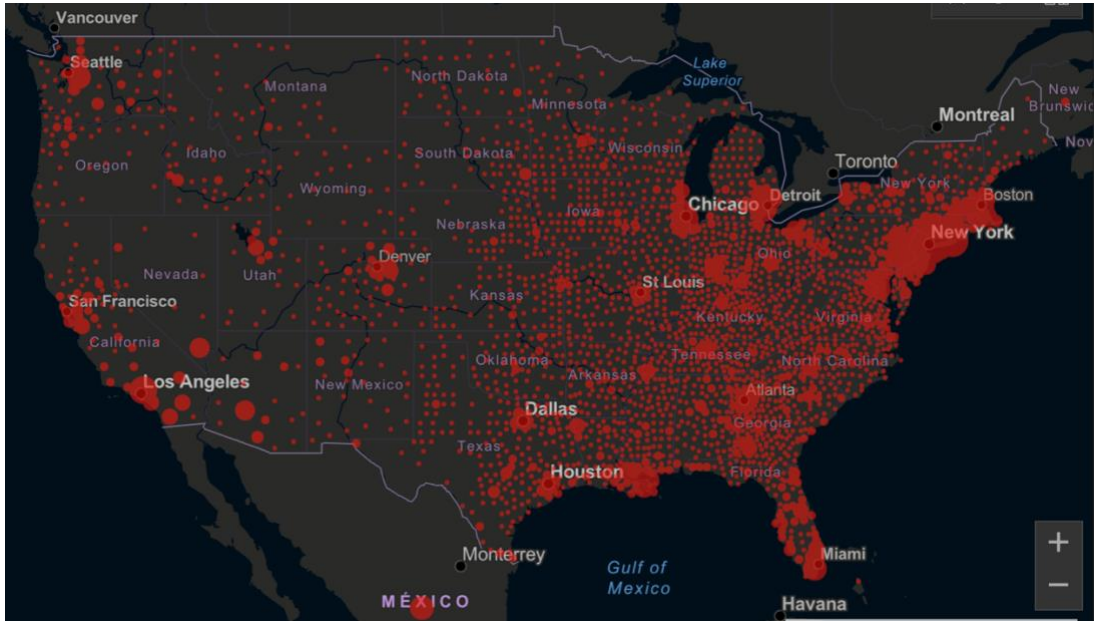
Montana Hospital Association - Situation Report

April 13, 2020

COVID-19

| REPORTED CASES | |
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| Montana <i>New in last 24 hours: 7 (+2%)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Total: 47 (Last 24hrs: +0)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Active: 21 (Last 24hrs: -1)</i> <i>Recovered: 171 (Last 24hrs: +2)</i> <i>Deaths: 7 (Last 24hrs: +1)</i> Source: Montana COVID-19 Dashboard | 394 |
| United States <i>New in last 24 hours: 25,280 (+5%)</i> Source: Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard | 582,580 |
| WA | 10,538 |
| ID | 1,453 |
| WY | 275 |
| ND | 331 |
| SD | 868 |





OPERATIONS

FDA greenlights N95 respirator decontamination products for emergency use.

The Food and Drug Administration has issued emergency use authorizations for two respirator decontamination products: [Advanced Sterilization Products'](#) STERRAD Sterilization Cycles, which use vaporized hydrogen peroxide gas plasma sterilization; and [STERIS Corporation's](#) STERIS V-PRO 1 Plus, maX and maX2 Low Temperature Sterilization Systems using the STERIS N95 Decontamination Cycle (non-lumen cycle), which also use vaporized hydrogen peroxide. Collectively, the two systems, according to FDA, can decontaminate nearly 5 million N95 or N95-equivalent respirators per day.

Long-term care facility transfer scenarios. CMS issued a memorandum on [long-term care facility transfer scenarios](#) during the COVID-19 public emergency.

DEA lifts three requirements for hospitals/clinics during pandemic. The DEA has issued three exceptions to regulations for DEA-registered hospitals and clinics effective from April 10 until the public health emergency ends. [One exception](#) allows DEA-registered hospitals and clinics, under their existing DEA registration, to handle controlled substances at their satellite hospital/clinic locations as long as certain conditions are met. DEA is also providing flexibility to allow distributors to ship controlled substances directly to these satellite hospitals/clinics under certain conditions. [A second exception](#) allows narcotic treatment programs to accept deliveries of narcotics without providing an authorized signature at the time of delivery in an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Finally, DEA today issued [another exception](#) to allow DEA-registered dispensers, such as hospitals, pharmacies, and physicians, to distribute controlled substances beyond 5% of the total number of dosage units of controlled substances distributed and dispensed during the same calendar year without being required to register as a distributor.

PLANNING

NIH seeks to quantify undetected cases of COVID-19. The National Institutes of Health launched a [study](#) to determine how many adults in the U.S. without a confirmed COVID-19 history have antibodies to the virus. By collecting blood samples from volunteers, researchers hope to model the degree to which the virus spread undetected in the U.S.

Resource reporting to Juvare (EMResource). Continue to report bed availability, ventilators and PPE 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

AMA releases two CPT codes for COVID-19 antibody testing. The American Medical Association Friday [released](#) two Current Procedural Terminology codes (86328 and 86769) for reporting antibody testing for the novel coronavirus, and revised its CPT code for SARS-CoV-2 nucleic acid tests (86318). Providers can manually upload the code descriptors into their electronic health record systems. AMA published a special edition of its CPT Assistant for [additional guidance on the CPT codes](#).

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. Additions today include:

- **Infection Prevention & Control:** Administration Updates Request for Daily Hospital Data on COVID-19 Testing, Bed Capacity and Utilization (NHSN COVID Module Reporting)
- **Clinical Care:** Airway Management of COVID-19, COVID-19 Respiratory Recommendations, Alternate Respiratory Evaluation Site Workflow, COVID-19 Inpatient Guidelines, Birth Center Guidelines, ACOG COVID-19 Algorithm
- **Community Mitigation:** Recommendations for Returning to Work
- **PPE:** Mask use and reuse of facemask and N95
- **Workforce:** COVID-19 Healthcare Worker Exposure Plan

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](#)

[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 \(HHS\)](#)

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)

[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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