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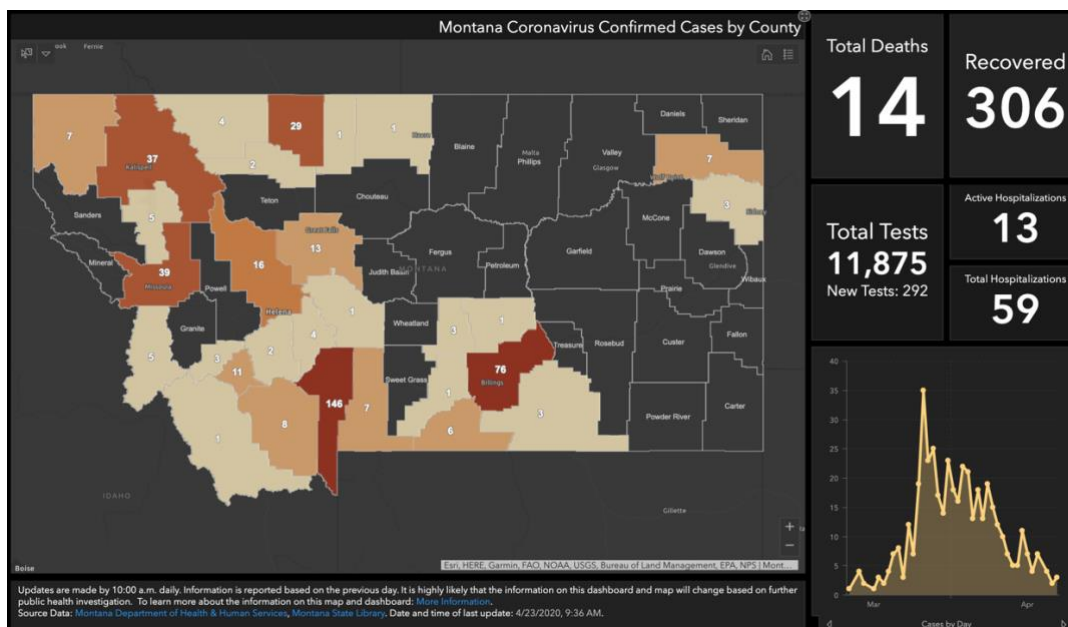
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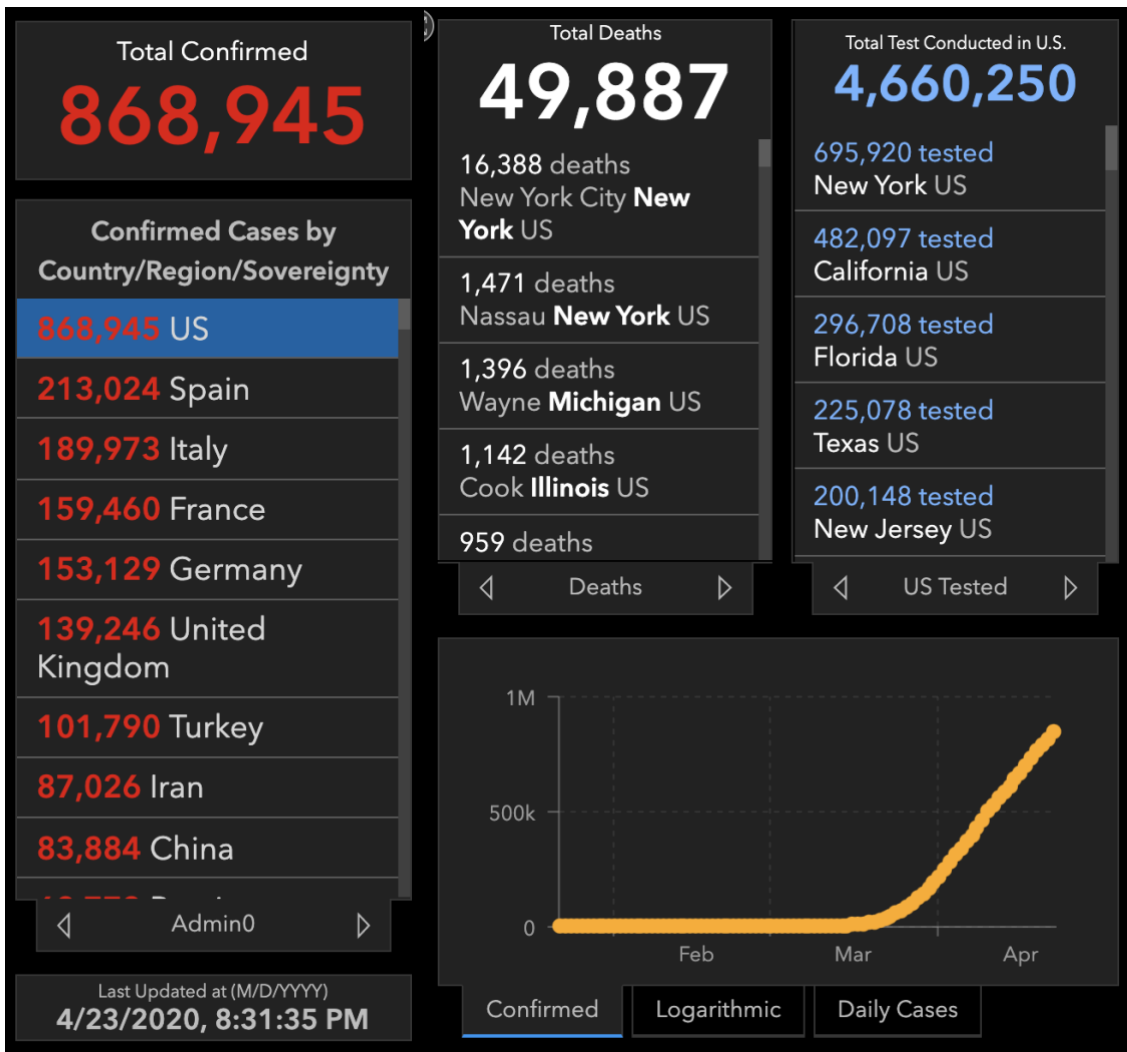
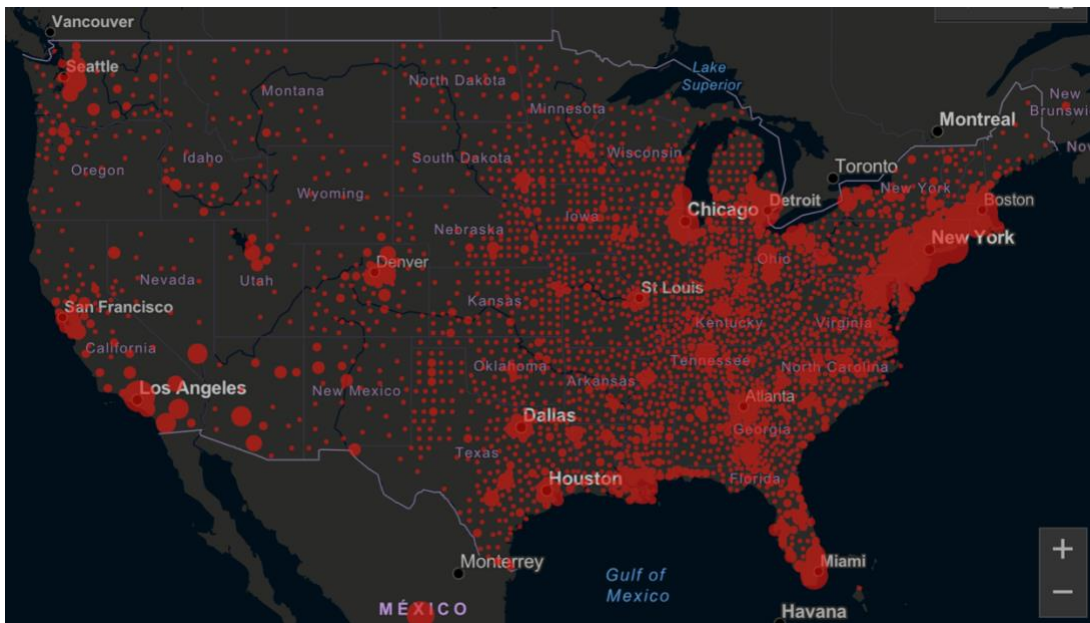
## Montana Hospital Association - Situation Report

April 23, 2020

# COVID-19

REPORTED CASES	
<b>Montana</b> <i>New in last 24 hours: 3 (+less than 1%)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Total: 59 (Last 24hrs: +0)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Active: 13 (Last 24hrs: +0)</i> <i>Recovered: 306 (Last 24hrs: +10)</i> <i>Deaths: 14 (Last 24hrs: +0)</i> Source: <a href="#">Montana COVID-19 Dashboard</a>	<b>442</b>
<b>United States</b> <i>New in last 24 hours: 26,569 (+3%)</i> Source: <a href="#">Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard</a>	<b>868,945</b>
<b>WA</b>	<b>12,753</b>
<b>ID</b>	<b>1,836</b>
<b>WY</b>	<b>453</b>
<b>ND</b>	<b>709</b>
<b>SD</b>	<b>1,956</b>





## OPERATIONS

**CDC awarding CARES funds to expand surveillance, testing, contact tracing.** The CDC will award [\\$631 million](#) in CARES Act funding to help public health agencies expand surveillance, testing and contact tracing to identify COVID-19 cases, protect vulnerable populations, and work with health care systems to manage and monitor their capacity.

**FDA allows pharmacies to repackage propofol for hospital patients.** The FDA this week [issued guidance](#) allowing pharmacies and outsourcing facilities to repackage, under certain conditions and during the public health emergency, FDA-approved propofol drug products for hospitals having difficulty obtaining adequate supplies in the sizes they use to support or treat patients with COVID-19.

**FDA authorizes bedside monitors for COVID-19 patient monitoring.** The FDA this week issued an [emergency use authorization](#) for IntelliVue Patient Monitors to remotely monitor hospital patients and reduce the risk of exposing health care providers to COVID-19.

## PLANNING

**Nation's governors map COVID-19 recovery strategy.** The National Governors Association yesterday unveiled a [roadmap](#) for building the post-COVID-19 public health infrastructure and reopening the nation's economy. Among the group's recommendations is to ensure that the healthcare system is able to respond to potential surges, and advise states to consider:

- Developing metrics to assess the healthcare system's ability to safely treat both COVID-19 patients and all other patients requiring care without resorting to crisis standards of care;
- Requiring that healthcare providers continuously report on numbers of healthcare worker infections, number of hospital beds and levels of personal protective equipment and other medical equipment (such as ventilators) across the healthcare system;
- Partnering with industry and academic institutions to support PPE manufacturing;
- Removing regulatory barriers to establishing alternative sites of care or repurposing existing sites to serve COVID-19 patients in a surge;
- Expanding the pool of in-state and out-of-state licensed healthcare providers, expanding the use of telehealth and ensuring appropriate liability protections; and
- Expanding support for healthcare workers, including services such as child care and eldercare.

The roadmap also seeks to strengthen national surveillance systems, in part by mandating data reporting by hospitals, laboratories and other points of care. Montana Governor Steve Bullock announced his [phased approach to reopen](#) the state on April 22.

**State of Montana announces changes, clarifies required data and resource reporting.** In keeping with federal data reporting requests and requirements, and recognizing existing data collection systems already in place in Montana, DPHHS clarified data reporting by hospitals in this [memo](#) released April 16.

- [Juvare/EMResource](#): Continue to report bed availability and ventilator capacity by 8:00 a.m. daily.
- [PPE Survey Tool](#): PPE data will be reported to a [new PPE Survey Tool](#) instead of EMResource.
- [COVID-19 Patient Survey Tool](#): Used to collect hospitalization data, and only to be used at the direction of DPHHS officials following acquisition of confirmed COVID-19 patient.

## 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

**Paycheck Protection Program loan FAQs.** The U.S. Small Business Administration, in consultation with the Treasury Department, today released [FAQs](#) regarding Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans. The FAQs clarify program eligibility, including application of affiliation rules; the responsibilities of borrowers and lenders; permissible uses of PPP loans; guidance on how to calculate maximum loan amounts; among other issues.

**Grantwriters available to help pursue COVID-related grant opportunities.** The Montana Healthcare Foundation's [Grant Application Assistance Initiative](#) is offering support to hospitals in responding to COVID-related grant opportunities, such as [the FCC's COVID-19 Telehealth Program](#) grant or USDA's [Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program](#). MHCF works with contract grantwriters and will extend those services to facilities requiring assistance. For more information, contact Scott Malloy at [scott.malloy@mthcf.org](mailto:scott.malloy@mthcf.org).

## **HHS extends deadline for COVID-19 high-impact payment application.**

HHS [extended the deadline](#) for hospitals to submit data that will inform how \$10 billion is distributed to areas of high impact from COVID-19. The deadline is now 3:00 EST on Saturday, April 25, 2020. This extension follows an announcement from HHS earlier this week that it will make targeted distributions to hospitals and other facilities that have been particularly affected by the increased burden of caring for those with the COVID-19. HHS asked all hospitals to submit certain data via a vendor portal called TeleTracking to help inform how it will distribute funding. **Hospitals must submit the requested data in order to be eligible to receive payments. However, doing so is not a guarantee of eligibility for any amount.**

HHS notes that hospital “site administrators” received an email from HHS on Sunday, April 12, or thereafter, with instructions and a link to register on the TeleTracking portal. If it is not clear who received this notification, or if there are questions about the registration process, HHS says hospitals should contact TeleTracking Technical Support at 877-570-6903.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

**Call recordings and webinar playbacks.** Missed a call or webinar promoted in MHA’s daily COVID-19 Call & Webinar Alert? Many are recorded, and are [posted here](#) once available.

**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.

**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: [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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