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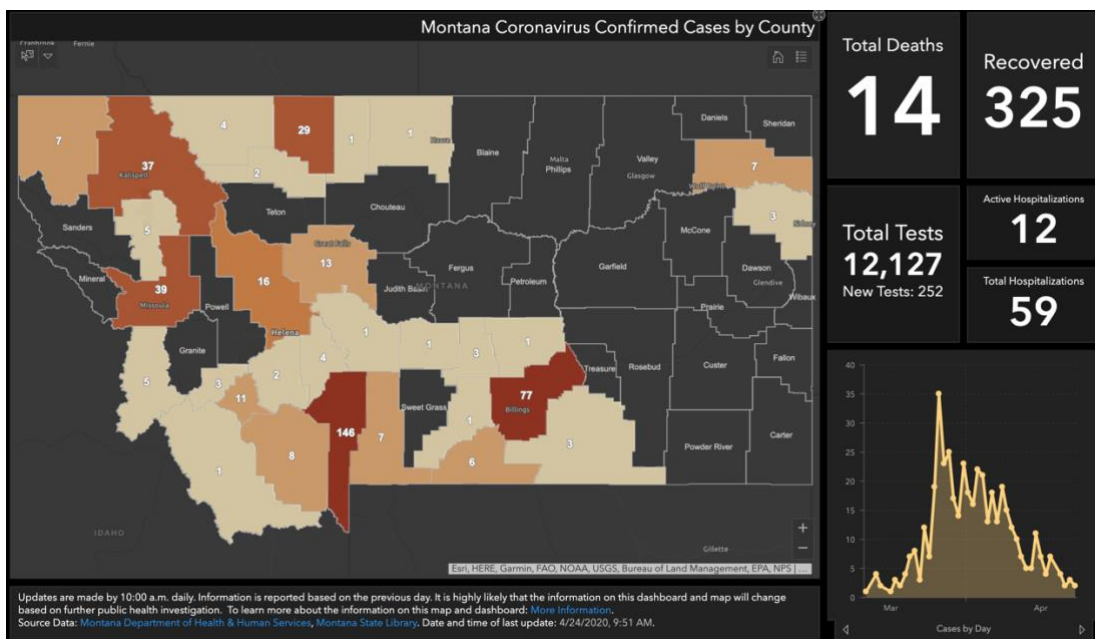
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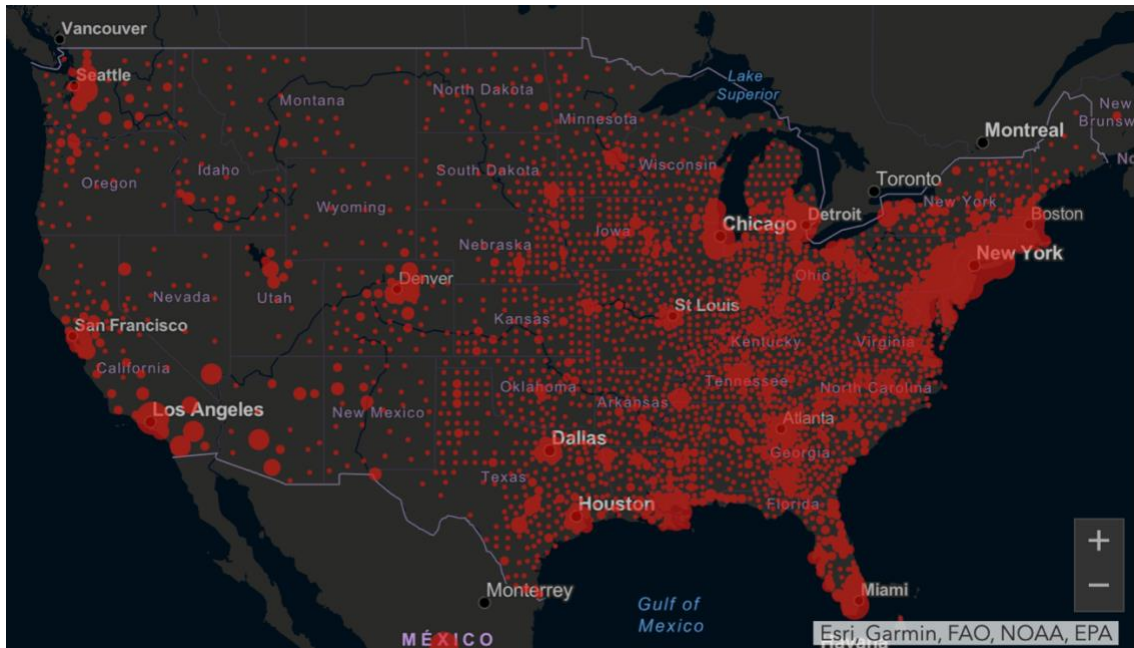
Montana Hospital Association - Situation Report

April 24, 2020

COVID-19

REPORTED CASES	
Montana <i>New in last 24 hours: 2 (+less than 0.5%)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Total: 59 (Last 24hrs: +0)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Active: 12 (Last 24hrs: -1)</i> <i>Recovered: 325 (Last 24hrs: +19)</i> <i>Deaths: 14 (Last 24hrs: +0)</i> Source: Montana COVID-19 Dashboard	444
United States <i>New in last 24 hours: 21,579 (+2%)</i> Source: Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard	890,524
WA	12,753
ID	1,836
WY	473
ND	748
SD	2,040





President signs COVID-19 relief package. President Trump today signed into law the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act, a COVID-19 relief package that includes an additional \$75 billion to reimburse eligible hospitals, health systems and other providers for healthcare-related expenses or lost revenues not otherwise reimbursed that are directly attributable to COVID-19. The House Thursday night approved the legislation, which also includes another \$310 billion for the Paycheck Protection Program to make loans available to organizations with fewer than 500 employees and \$25 billion to expand COVID-19 testing capacity. U.S. Senators Steve Daines and Jon Tester both supported the bill, each releasing statements ([Daines](#), [Tester](#)) following its passage from the Senate earlier this week.

OPERATIONS

CDC releases guidance on the use of reusable elastomeric respirators. The CDC has released contingency and crisis [capacity strategies](#) for the cleaning, decontamination and use of reusable elastomeric respirators during surge demand situations. Elastomeric respirators have facepieces that are made of synthetic or natural rubber that can be repeatedly cleaned and reused and are alternatives to disposable filtering facepiece respirators. The agency also updated its webpage on decontaminating and reusing disposable facepiece respirators to clarify [individual facility discretion](#) to determine what decontamination method to use, certain decontamination methods and emergency use authorizations.

FDA issues guidance to increase mobile patient monitoring, imaging options. The Food and Drug Administration yesterday issued guidance allowing patients to use certain non-invasive fetal and maternal [monitoring devices in the home](#) during the COVID-19 emergency to reduce the need for in-clinic visits. FDA also issued [guidance to expand mobile and portable imaging](#) options to diagnose and monitor treatment of lung disease patients with COVID-19 during the emergency.

PLANNING

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

SBA: Certain public hospitals are eligible for Paycheck Protection Program. As [urged](#) by Montana's U.S. Senator Jon Tester, the U.S. Small Business Administration today issued an [interim final rule](#) clarifying certain provisions implementing the Paycheck Protection Program, including whether public hospitals are eligible for a PPP loan. ***Hospitals are eligible to receive a PPP loan if the hospital receives less than 50% of its funding from state or local government sources, exclusive of Medicaid.***

Healthcare organizations with less than 500 employees can apply for an SBA loan up to 2.5 times the average monthly payroll costs. These loans may be forgiven if the organization, over an 8-week period, uses at least 75% of the loan proceeds for payroll costs, among other terms. Payroll costs can include group health premiums and retirement benefits among other costs. Payroll and income taxes are excluded from this calculation as well as any individual employee's salary in excess of \$100,000.

This PPP continuation is also on a first-come, first-served basis so it is important to prepare documentation in advance and let your local commercial bank know you want to [submit an application](#). More information on the PPP is available [here](#).

Updated: MHA Summary of Funding Opportunities. MHA today revised the summary of [financial support and funding opportunities](#) for Montana hospitals and healthcare providers.

Reminder: Deadline is April 25 at 1 p.m. MST to submit data related to funding for COVID-19 high-impact areas. HHS has extended to Saturday, April 25 at 1 p.m. MST the deadline for hospitals to submit data to help inform HHS's targeted distribution of funds to hospitals and other facilities particularly burdened by COVID-19. HHS asked all hospitals to submit certain data via a vendor portal called TeleTracking to help inform how it will distribute funding. These data

include: Medicare Tax Identification Number (TIN); total number of intensive care unit (ICU) beds (as of April 10, 2020); total number of admissions with a COVID-19 diagnosis (from Jan. 1, 2020 to April 10, 2020); and National Provider Identifier (NPI). ***Hospitals must submit these data in order to be eligible to receive payments. However, doing so is not a guarantee of eligibility for any amount.***

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

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](#)

REV. 4/24/20: [Summary of Funding Opportunities for Hospitals](#) (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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