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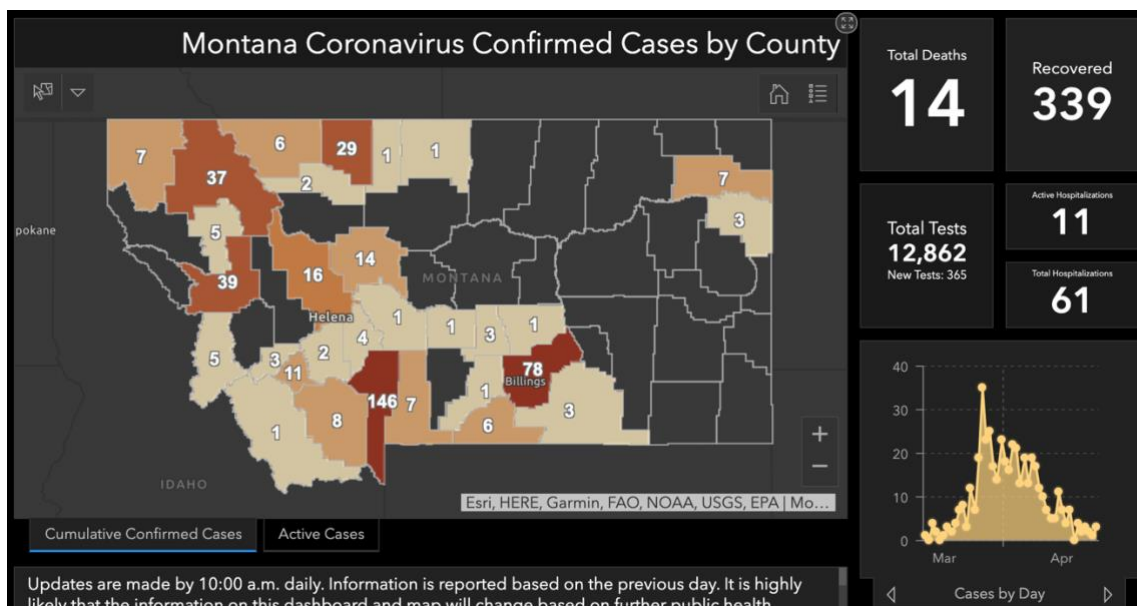
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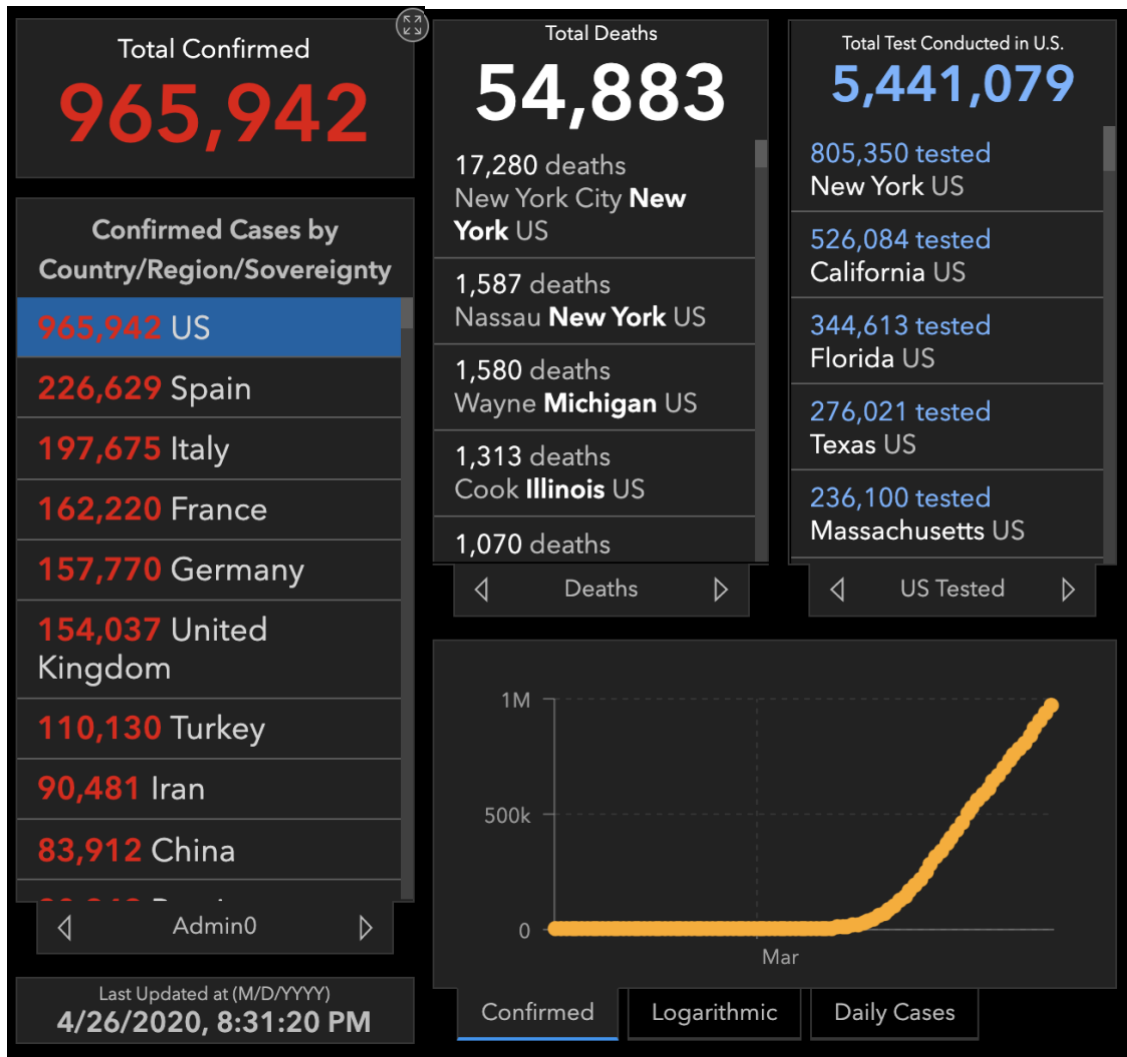
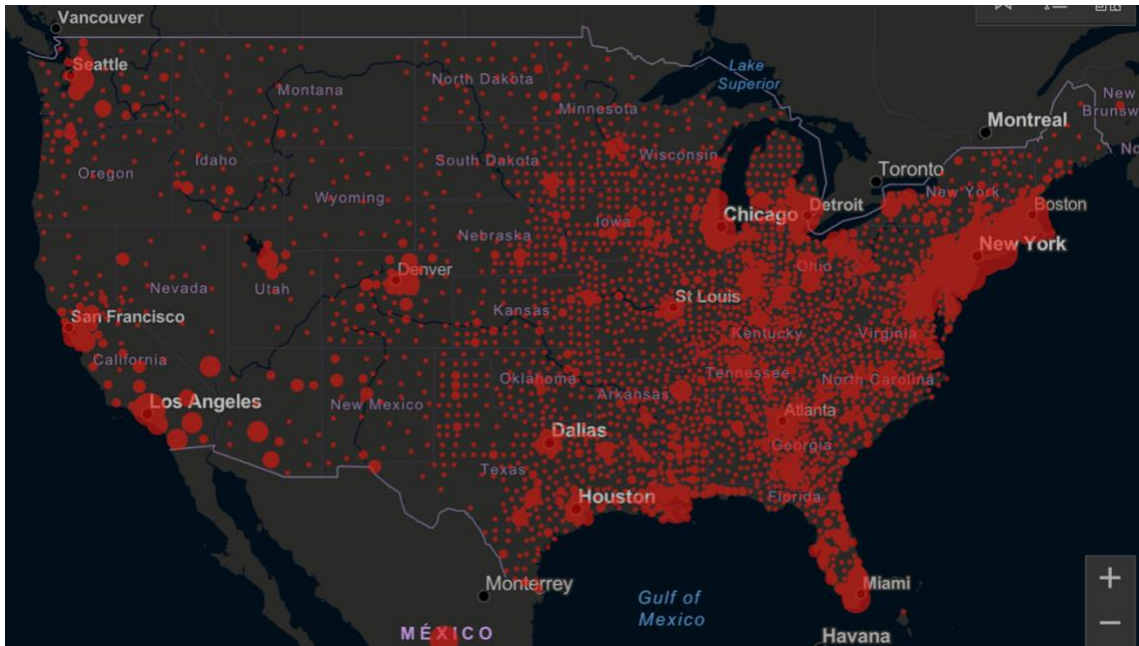
Montana Hospital Association - Situation Report

April 26, 2020

COVID-19

REPORTED CASES	
Montana <i>New in last 48 hours: 4 (+less than 1%)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Total: 61 (Last 48hrs: +2)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Active: 11 (Last 48hrs: -1)</i> <i>Recovered: 339 (Last 48hrs: +14)</i> <i>Deaths: 14 (Last 48hrs: +0)</i> Source: Montana COVID-19 Dashboard	448
United States <i>New in last 48 hours: 75,418 (+8%)</i> Source: Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard	965,942
WA	13,521
ID	1,897
WY	502
ND	867
SD	2,212





OPERATIONS

Latest COVIDView report released. The CDC Friday released [Key Updates for Week 16, Ending April 18, 2020](#). This CDC report provides a weekly summary and interpretation of key indicators that have been adapted to track the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States.

Guidelines for hospitals on resuming non-COVID-19 care. CMS April 19 issued [updated guidance](#) on providing essential non-COVID-19 care to patients without symptoms of COVID-19 in regions with low and stable incidence of the virus. Also last week, MHA released its consensus statement on [Resumption of Elective Procedures](#).

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

HHS announces how it will distribute additional funds to providers under CARES Act. HHS April 22 announced that it is distributing additional funds — beginning April 24 — from the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund. The CARES Act added \$100 billion to this fund to reimburse healthcare providers for healthcare-related expenses or lost revenues not otherwise reimbursed that are attributable to COVID-19. HHS previously distributed \$30 billion from this fund based on providers' proportions of Medicare fee-for-service payments. According to the HHS announcement, \$20 billion will be allocated to providers generally.

The payment made to each provider will account for previous payments received under the \$30 billion distribution, so that each provider's total allocation under both waves (\$50 billion total) is proportional to their share of 2018 total net patient revenue. In addition, HHS said that \$10 billion will be allocated to hospitals in areas that have been particularly impacted by COVID-19; \$10 billion to rural hospitals and health clinics; and \$400 million to Indian Health Service facilities. HHS also announced that providers that have treated uninsured patients with COVID-19 on or after Feb. 4, 2020, can request reimbursement at Medicare rates, subject to available funding. See MHA's April 22 SITREP for [more info](#).

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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