

SITREP



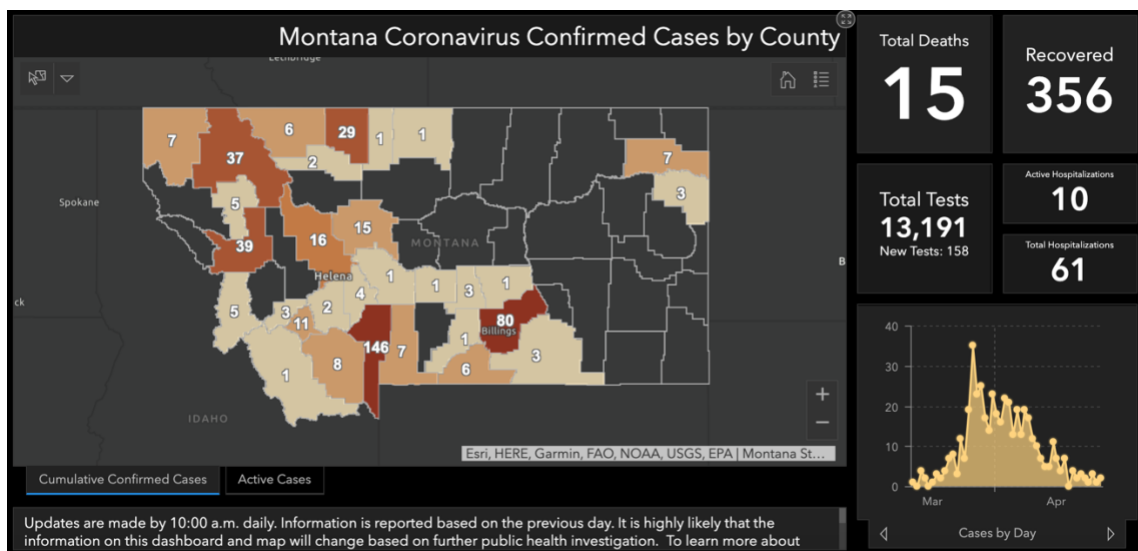
MONTANA
HOSPITAL
ASSOCIATION

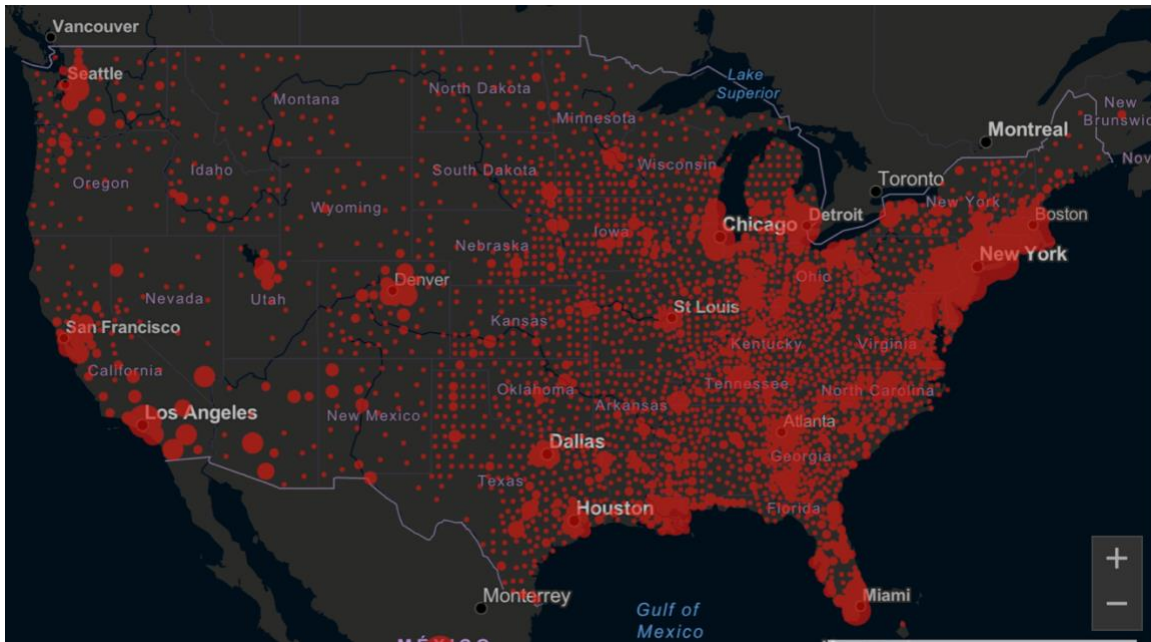
Montana Hospital Association - Situation Report

April 28, 2020

COVID-19

| REPORTED CASES | |
|---|------------------|
| Montana <i>New in last 24 hours: 2 (+less than 0.5%)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Total: 61 (Last 24hrs: +0)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Active: 10 (Last 24hrs: -1)</i> <i>Recovered: 356 (Last 24hrs: +4)</i> <i>Deaths: 15 (Last 24hrs: +1)</i> Source: Montana COVID-19 Dashboard | 451 |
| United States <i>New in last 24 hours: 24,394 (+2%)</i> Source: Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard | 1,012,583 |
| WA | 13,842 |
| ID | 1,952 |
| WY | 536 |
| ND | 991 |
| SD | 2,313 |





White House outlines testing blueprint to spur nation's re-opening. The Trump administration yesterday put forward a [series of guidelines](#) for testing and rapid response programs in anticipation of reopening the nation's economy. The effort is meant to be a partnership between federal, state, local and tribal governments and the private sector. The federal government will support state-based efforts by expanding the number of testing platforms, increasing testing and laboratory supplies and capacity, and enhancing sample collection.

OPERATIONS

CDC updates lab testing criteria. As part of the Trump Administration's Testing Blueprint effort, the CDC yesterday updated its [evaluation and laboratory testing criteria](#), stating that "increasing testing capacity will allow clinicians to consider COVID-19 testing for a wider group of symptomatic patients and persons without symptoms in certain situations."

The following remain high priorities for COVID-19 testing:

- Hospitalized patients;
- Healthcare facility workers, workers in congregate living settings and first responders with symptoms;
- Residents in long-term care facilities or other congregate living settings, including prisons and shelters, with symptoms; and
- Individuals identified through public health cluster and selected contact investigations.

A second, priority tier was established for individuals with symptoms for potential COVID-19 infection, along with those who are without symptoms who are prioritized by health departments and clinicians based on state and local plans.

OSHA issues COVID-19 respirator decontamination guidance. OSHA Friday issued [interim guidance](#) on the reuse and decontamination of N95 and other filtering-facepiece respirators during the COVID-19 pandemic. The agency, via this enforcement memorandum, outlined a host of methods for decontaminating respirators, including vaporous hydrogen peroxide, ultraviolet germicidal irradiation and moist heat (e.g., using water heated in an oven). Alternately, if such methods are not available, OSHA said that microwave-generated steam and liquid hydrogen peroxide are suitable decontamination options. The guidance indicates that OSHA will, on a case-by-case basis, exercise enforcement discretion related to the reuse of decontaminated respirators consistent with the conditions outlined in this interim enforcement guidance.

FDA issues updated EUA, FAQ on non-surgical face mask use. The FDA has updated and reissued its April 18 emergency use authorization on [face masks for the general public](#) to clarify that non-surgical face masks are not intended for use by healthcare personnel as personal protective equipment, meaning they are not a substitute for respirator or surgical masks. For more information, see FDA's [FAQs on the EUA](#).

FDA releases FAQs on medical devices. The FDA today released [Frequently Asked Questions](#) on Emergency Use Authorizations (EUAs) for Medical Devices During the COVID-19 Pandemic.

PLANNING

Continue daily reporting of available resources and response data. Organizations reporting to the following systems are considered to be fully reporting resource data in response to the COVID-19 PHE.

- [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

Decontamination service for N95 respirators coming to Montana. Gov. Steve Bullock Tuesday [announced](#) the state received a Battelle Critical Care Decontamination System to begin cleaning and disinfecting used N95 respirators. The system is a self-contained, mobile decontamination unit that uses vapor phase hydrogen peroxide to decontaminate N95 filtering facepiece respirators from biological contaminants, including COVID-19. The system can decontaminate 80,000 used N95 respirators per day and a single respirator can be reused up to 20 times without degradation. There will be no cost to decontaminate respirators, but organizations may incur shipping fees as the state's sole unit will be located in Helena. The state is in the process of operationalizing the unit, and next week will issue more info on how to sign up, safely collect PPE and use the service.

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

CMS issues clinician letter on MIPS participation during COVID-19. CMS issued a [letter to Clinicians](#) participating in the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) for the 2020 performance period.

COMMUNICATIONS

New from MHA: Connecting with Your Community Toolkit. Toolkit includes informational graphics for a variety of uses that can be branded by your organization, plus a resource guide highlighting communication efforts from a variety of Montana hospitals and healthcare providers. Toolkit will be updated weekly with new assets as situation and messaging needs evolve. Find it in the COVID-19 Resource Library in the [Communications Folder](#).

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.

- New today: AHA's "Providing Behavioral Health Services during COVID-19" (April 22)

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)

###