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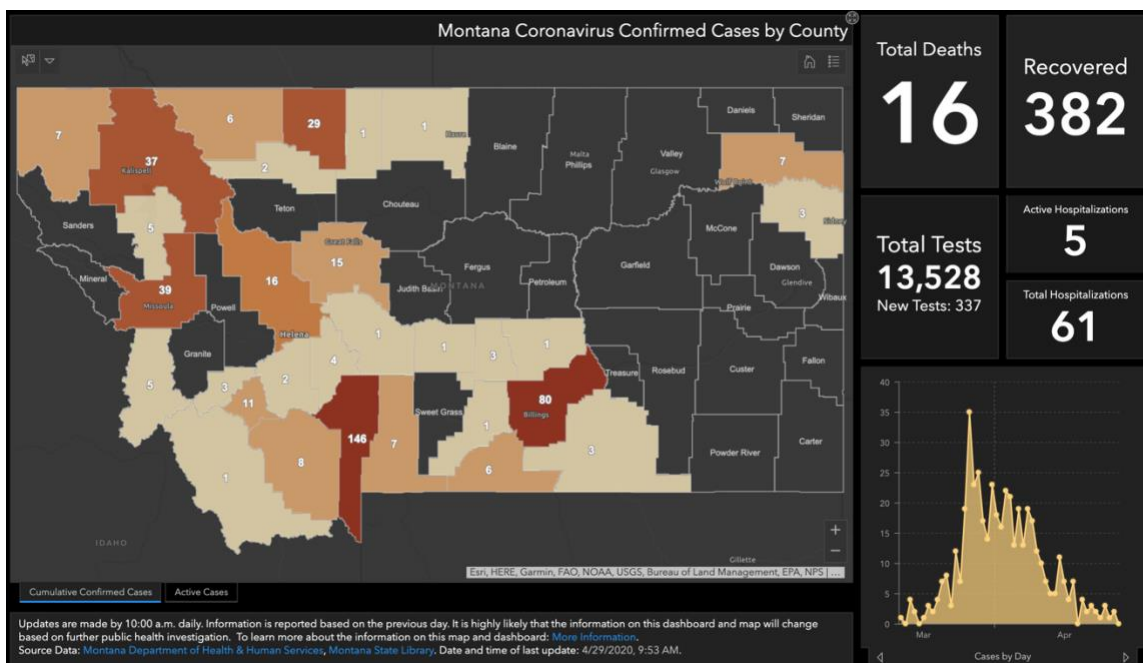
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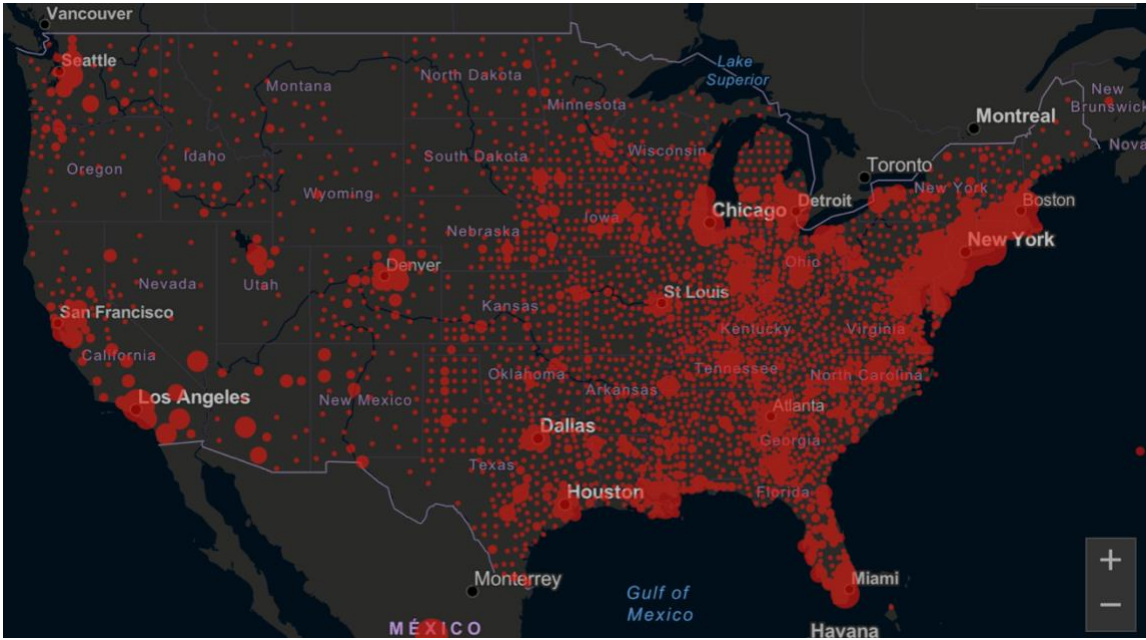
Montana Hospital Association - Situation Report

April 29, 2020

COVID-19

REPORTED CASES	
Montana <i>New in last 24 hours: 0</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Total: 61 (Last 24hrs: +0)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Active: 5 (Last 24hrs: -5)</i> <i>Recovered: 382 (Last 24hrs: +32)</i> <i>Deaths: 16 (Last 24hrs: +1)</i> Source: Montana COVID-19 Dashboard	451
United States <i>New in last 24 hours: 27,326 (+3%)</i> Source: Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard	1,039,909
WA	14,070
ID	1,952
WY	545
ND	1,033
SD	2,373





Total Confirmed

1,039,909

Confirmed Cases by Country/Region/Sovereignty

1,039,909 US
236,899 Spain
203,591 Italy
166,543 France
166,441 United Kingdom
161,539 Germany
117,589 Turkey
99,399 Russia
93,657 Iran

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Total Deaths

60,967

- 18,076 deaths New York City **New York US**
- 1,727 deaths Wayne **Michigan US**
- 1,678 deaths Nassau **New York US**
- 1,516 deaths Cook **Illinois US**
- 1,155 deaths

Deaths

Total Test Results in US

6,026,170

- 872,481 tested New York US
- 603,139 tested California US
- 373,488 tested Florida US
- 314,790 tested Texas US
- 265,618 tested Massachusetts US

US total tests

Confirmed Logarithmic Daily Cases

Federal, state plans to expand testing capacity take center stage. Today, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) [announced](#) the launch of Rapid Acceleration of Diagnostics (RADx), a national initiative aimed at speeding innovation, development, and commercialization of COVID-19 diagnostic technologies. This \$1.5 billion stimulus investment complements the NIH's ongoing Accelerating COVID-19 Therapeutic Interventions and Vaccines public-private partnership.

The NIH is encouraging all scientists and inventors with a rapid testing technology to compete in a national COVID-19 testing challenge for a share of up to \$500 million over all phases of development. The RADx initiative will put the technologies through a rapid [three-phase selection process](#) to identify the best candidates for at-home or point-of-care tests for COVID-19 and match finalists with technical and manufacturing experts to increase the odds of success. The NIH states that the goal is to make millions of accurate and easy-to-use tests per week available by the end of summer 2020.

In Montana, Governor Steve Bullock today [announced](#) a framework to ramp up testing capacity over the next several months with a goal to eventually conduct 60,000 tests per month and prioritize testing for vulnerable Montanans in nursing homes and assisted living facilities, tribal communities, and those with COVID-19 symptoms. The testing framework outlined by Governor Bullock will be supported by both federal and private partnerships, mirroring the roles identified in the Trump administration's [Testing Blueprint](#) announced April 27. According to the release from the Governor's Office, the federal government recently committed to supplying states with 12.7 million swabs each month beginning in May.

OPERATIONS

CDC issues COVID-19 guidance for providers who care for breastfeeding women. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention yesterday released [guidance](#) for health care providers who care for breastfeeding women and infants who receive breast milk, based on what is currently known about the virus that causes COVID-19 and the transmission of other viral respiratory pathogens. CDC plans to update the guidance as additional information becomes available.

New tool connects hospitals with compounders who can provide drugs in shortage. The Alliance for Pharmacy Compounding has launched a [free tool](#) for connecting hospitals with 503B outsourcing facilities, or alternatively, 503A sterile compounding pharmacies, that can supply shortage drugs to treat COVID-19.

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.

- Juware/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

HRSA to host webinar April 30 on COVID-19 Uninsured Program Portal. The Health Resources and Services Administration April 30 at 12 p.m. MST will host a [webinar](#) for healthcare providers on the agency's COVID-19 Uninsured Program Portal. Healthcare providers are eligible for reimbursement from the federal government for COVID-19 testing, treatment and related services provided to the uninsured. Beginning April 27, providers, including hospitals and health systems, could register to participate with HRSA. This coverage of the uninsured was authorized and funded through the Families First Coronavirus Response Act and the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act.

New FAQs on employee benefit plans. DOL issued yesterday a set of [employee benefit plan FAQs](#) to clarify the rights and responsibilities of employee benefit plan participants and beneficiaries, as well as plan sponsors and employers, and how they may be impacted by COVID-19.

BBER study projects economic impact of COVID-19 in Montana. The Bureau of Business and Economic Research (BBER) at the University of Montana recently published a [preliminary analysis](#) of the economic impact of COVID-19 in Montana. The study projects losses of 50,000 jobs (7.3% decline) and \$3.9 billion in personal income (7.1% decline). The northwest region of state and hospitality sectors are expected to be hardest hit. The model projects economic recovery by the end of

2022, but the study authors advise caution: a pandemic event like COVID-19 lies outside the ordinary experience of economic models.

Updated FAQs for Medicare Providers. CMS released today updated [Frequently Asked Questions](#) to Assist Medicare Providers. See page 33 for information on MIPS data reporting.

COMMUNICATIONS

FAQs for Montanans on phase one of reopening. The State Emergency Operations Center today released [Phase One Reopening FAQs](#) to help Montanans better understand what's changed—and what's stayed the same—during the first phase of the Governor's phased reopening plan.

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. Recent additions:

- [Communications](#): MHA's Connecting with Your Community Toolkit

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](#)

[MHA Consensus Statement on the Resumption 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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