SITREP

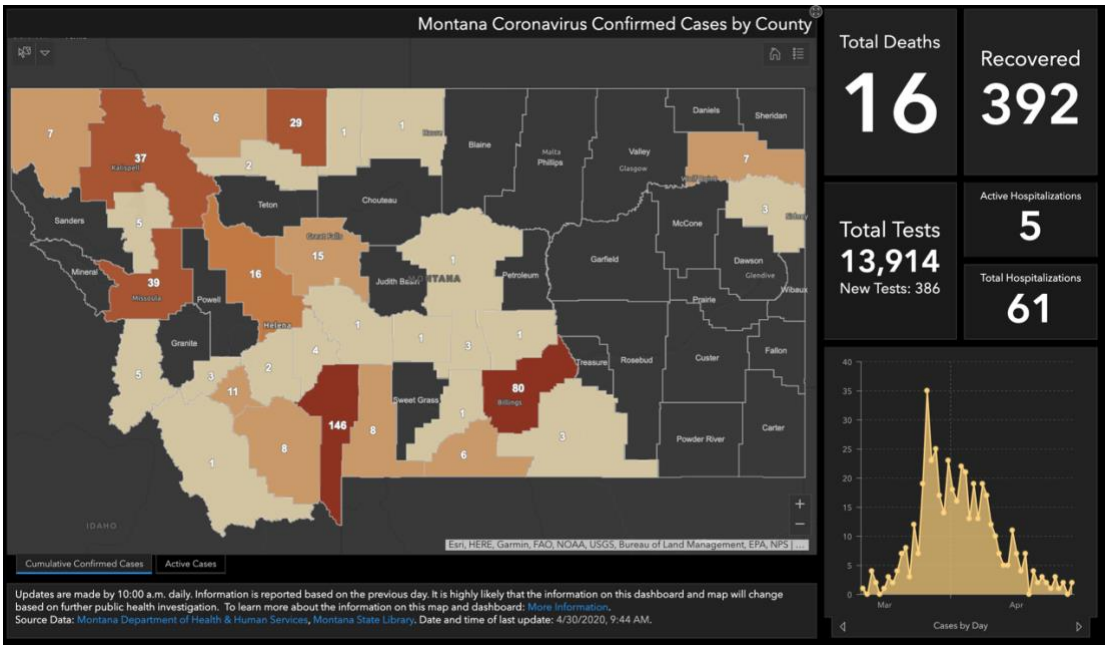
MHA Montana Hospital Association

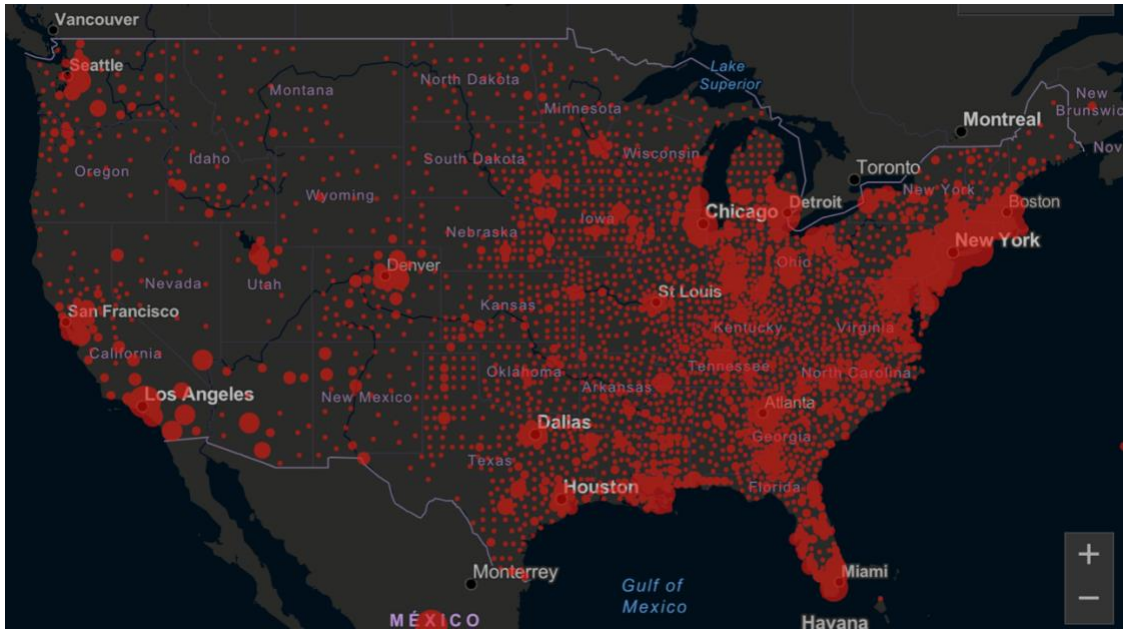
Montana Hospital Association - Situation Report

April 30, 2020

COVID-19

REPORTED CASES	
Montana ***New in last 24 hours: 2*** ***Hospitalizations, Total: 61 (Last 24hrs: +0)*** ***Hospitalizations, Active: 5 (Last 24hrs: +0)*** ***Recovered: 382 (Last 24hrs: +10)*** ***Deaths: 16 (Last 24hrs: +0)*** **Source: Montana COVID-19 Dashboard**	**453**
United States ***New in last 24 hours: 29,755 (+3%)*** **Source: Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard**	**1,069,664**
WA	**14,327**
ID	**2,015**
WY	**559**
ND	**1,067**
SD	**2,449**





Total Confirmed

1,069,664

Confirmed Cases by Country/Region/Sovereignty

1,069,664	US
213,435	Spain
205,463	Italy
172,481	United Kingdom
167,299	France
163,009	Germany
120,204	Turkey
106,498	Russia
94,640	Iran

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Total Deaths

62,996

- 18,069 deaths New York City **New York** US
- 1,782 deaths Wayne **Michigan** US
- 1,700 deaths Nassau **New York** US
- 1,607 deaths Cook **Illinois** US
- 1,186 deaths

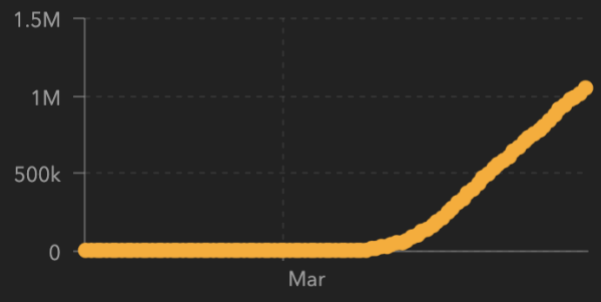
Deaths

Total Test Results in US

6,231,182

- 900,636 tested New York US
- 625,337 tested California US
- 382,405 tested Florida US
- 314,790 tested Texas US
- 275,647 tested Massachusetts US

US total tests



Confirmed | Logarithmic | Daily Cases

OPERATIONS

FDA authorizes use of new COVID-19 antibody test. The FDA this week issued an emergency use authorization for Abbott Laboratory's SARS-CoV-2 IgG assay for the qualitative detection of COVID-19 antibodies. FDA said that the test may be effective in diagnosing recent or prior infection with SARSCoV-2 by identifying individuals with adaptive immune responses to the virus that causes COVID-19.

FDA accelerates approval for cancer therapy. FDA granted accelerated approval for a new dosing regimen for a cancer therapy that allows patients with certain cancers to continue treatment with fewer in-person visits. The approval was granted more than five months prior to the agency's goal date.

NIH reports promising data on remdesivir for aiding COVID-19 recovery. A trial sponsored by the National Institutes of Health's National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases provided preliminary indications that hospitalized patients with advanced COVID-19 and lung involvement who received remdesivir recovered faster than similar patients who received a placebo. Remdesivir is an investigational, broad-spectrum antiviral treatment administered via daily infusion for 10 days. The randomized, controlled trial, which involved more than 1,000 patients from multiple sites around the world, found that patients who received remdesivir had a 31% faster recovery time, compare with those who received a placebo — 11 days for patients treated with remdesivir, compared with 15 days for those in the control group.

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

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 announces additional COVID-19 waivers and rule changes, including modifications for certain provider-based hospital outpatient departments. CMS today announced additional regulatory waivers and rule changes to expand diagnostic testing for Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries, telehealth in Medicare, hospital capacity and the healthcare workforce during the COVID-19 emergency. Among other items, the changes:

- Allow certain provider-based hospital outpatient departments that relocate off-campus to obtain a temporary exception and continue to be paid at the full outpatient prospective payment system rate, rather than the reduced site-neutral rate;
- Allow hospital outpatient departments to bill for certain Medicare telehealth services
- Expand the types of providers that can furnish Medicare telehealth services to physical and occupational therapists, speech language pathologists and others; and
- Allow more telehealth services to be provided by audio-only connection.

New information on billing for distant site telehealth services. The Medicare Learning Network has revised its article on New and Expanded Flexibilities for RHCs and FQHCs during the COVID-19 emergency. Revisions include new telehealth services that can be provided (including audio only telephone evaluation and management services) and revised bed count methodology for determining the exemption to the RHC payment limit for provider-based RHCs.

CMS announces Independent Commission on Nursing Home Quality Safety. CMS announced a new independent Commission that will conduct a comprehensive assessment of the nursing home response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Additions to EMTALA FAQs. CMS today issued additional FAQs clarifying Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act requirements, flexibilities and considerations for hospitals and other providers during the pandemic as outlined in the agency's March memo to state survey agency directors.

Fed expands Main Street Lending Program eligibility, scope. The Federal Reserve Board today expanded eligibility for the Main Street Lending Program to businesses with up to 15,000 employees or $5 billion in annual revenue. The program previously was limited to companies with up to 10,000 employees and $2.5 billion in revenue. The board also reduced the minimum loan size for two of the program's loan options to $500,000 from $1 million. Although nonprofit organizations are not currently eligible for the program, the board said it "recognizes the critical role that nonprofit organizations play throughout the economy and is evaluating a separate approach to meet their unique needs."

Agencies extend employee benefit deadlines. The departments of Labor and the Treasury are extending certain deadlines affecting employee benefit plan participants' rights to health coverage, portability and continuation of coverage under COBRA, and to file claims or appeal denied claims. DOL's Employee Benefits Security Administration also is extending the time for plan officials to furnish certain notices and disclosures under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act if they make a good faith effort to furnish the documents as soon as administratively practicable. For more on beneficiary rights and employer responsibilities under ERISA during the emergency, see the EBSA FAQ.

Updated FAQs on Paycheck Protection Program. SBA yesterday updated FAQs for lenders and borrowers regarding the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). The FAQs clarify SBA's interpretation of the CARES Act, which established PPP, and of PPP interim final rules on eligibility, lender and borrower requirements, maximum loan amount, use of PPP loans, and other issues.

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

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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