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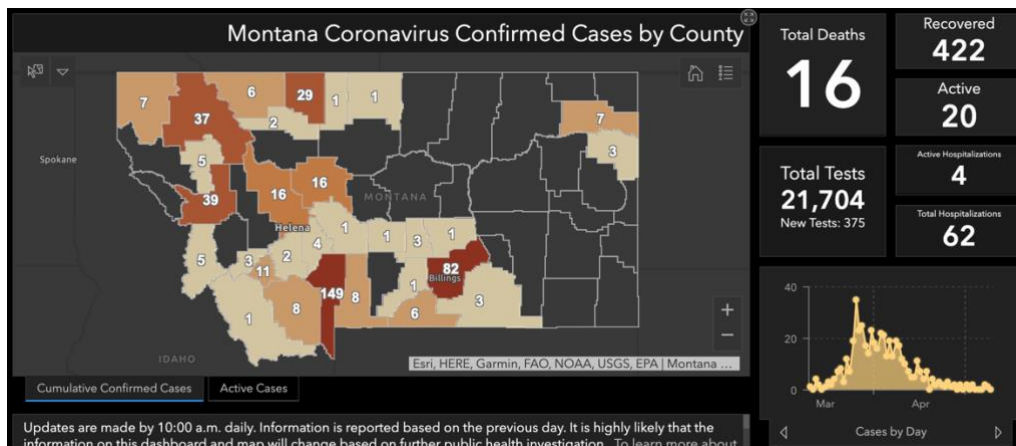
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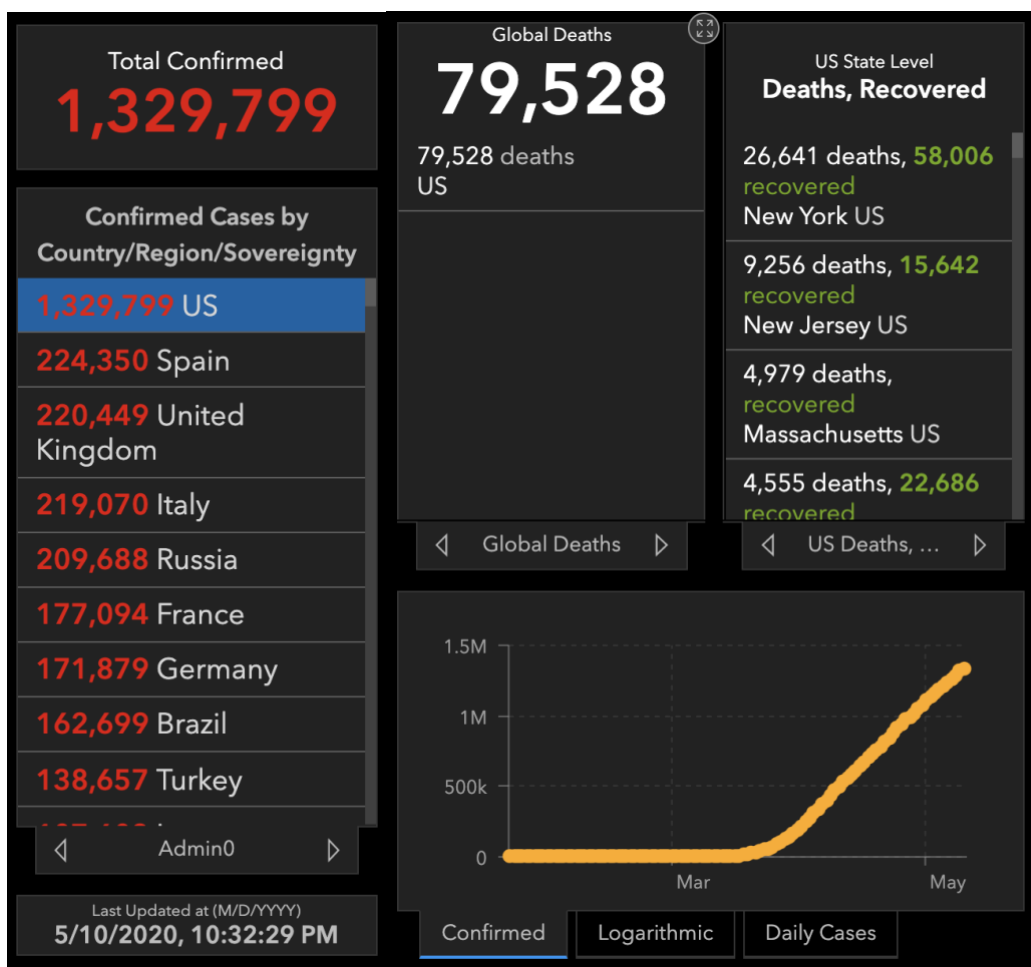
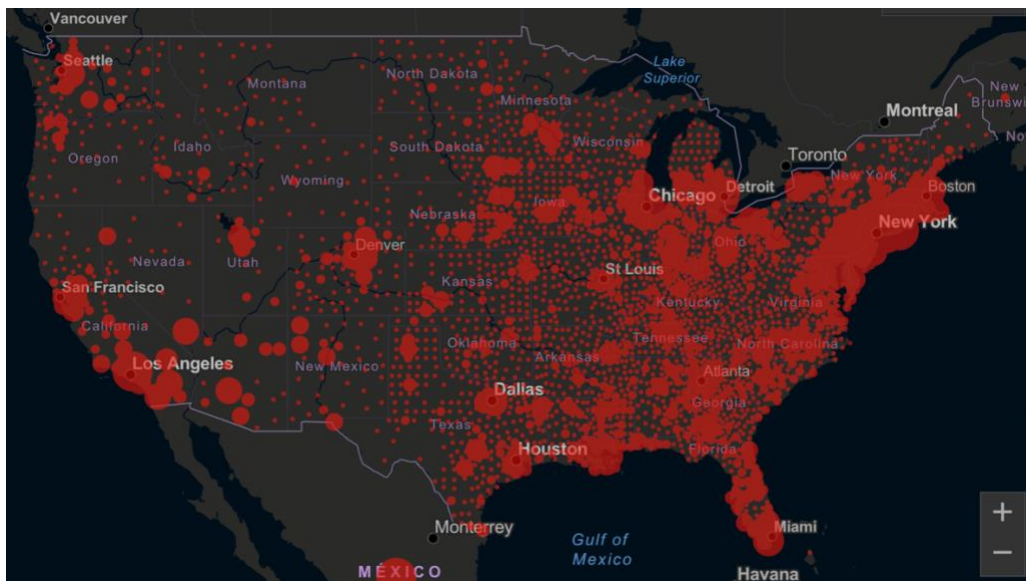
Montana Hospital Association - Situation Report

May 10, 2020

COVID-19

REPORTED CASES	
Montana <i>New in last 48 hours: +0</i> <i>Active Cases: 20 (Last 48hrs: -2)</i> <i>Recovered: 422 (Last 48hrs: +2)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Total: 62 (Last 48hrs: +0)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Active: 4 (Last 48hrs: -2)</i> <i>Deaths: 16 (Last 48hrs: +0)</i> Source: Montana COVID-19 Dashboard	458
United States <i>New in last 48 hours: 45,870 (+4%)</i> Source: Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard	1,329,799
WA	16,891
ID	2,230
WY	662
ND	1,491
SD	3,517





OPERATIONS

Latest COVIDView report released. The CDC Friday released [Key Updates for Week 18, Ending May 2, 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.

Behavioral Health Resources. During an emerging infectious disease outbreak, such as COVID-19, the number of individuals experiencing distress—and the intensity of that stress and anxiety—may be significantly amplified. Listed below are recently released resources on behavioral health including guidance for clinicians.

- [Talking with Patients about Advance Directives during the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- [Telehealth Resources for Behavioral Health Clinicians during COVID-19](#)
- [Managing Stress Among Mortuary and Death Care Workers during the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

SAMHSA Disaster Distress Hotline offers 24/7 crisis counseling and support to people experiencing emotional distress related to natural or human-caused disasters. Call 1-800-985-5990 or text TalkWithUs to 66746 to connect with a trained crisis counselor. More behavioral health resources can be found in the ASPR TRACIE Topic Collection on [COVID-19 Behavioral Health Resources](#).

PLANNING

Ongoing data reporting. Continue daily reporting of available resources and response data, including:

- [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

Save used N95 masks: No-cost service to decontaminate N95 masks. The [Battelle presentation](#) from the May 8 webinar includes an overview and FAQs on the program. This no-cost service to Montana healthcare providers allows reuse of N95 masks up to 20x.

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 extends attestation deadline for emergency funds. HHS last week [extended the deadline](#) for healthcare providers to attest to receipt of payments from the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund and accept the [terms and conditions](#).

POV: Future of telehealth post-COVID. It's hard to find any silver lining to the COVID-19 cloud under which we now live, but a real-life experiment demonstrating the value of virtual care may be one. However, any gains made will be fleeting unless providers and patients push policymakers to cement them into law. Read this [perspective](#) from PYA.

Certifying PPP loan eligibility. The SBA and Department of the Treasury announced on April 28 that the SBA would review all PPP loans of more than \$2 million, "in addition to other loans as appropriate," to ensure program compliance. This notification reiterated the importance of both documenting the bona fide need for the loan and the certification process embedded within the PPP loan application.

Recipients have been required to certify that the PPP loan was "necessary to support the ongoing operations of the Applicant." Loan applicants were looking for guidance for the interpretation of this language. Beginning on April 3, the SBA and Treasury released a series of helpful Q&As related to the PPP. Two recently published Q&As directly addressed the ability of the loan applicant to make the certifications in good faith. Organizations that cannot make the certifications in good faith will have until Thursday, May 14 to return the loan proceeds without fear of penalty. (The original deadline to return loan proceeds was May 7.) A recent [article](#) from PYA summarizes the notification and provides links to key Q&As and other reference information.

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](#)

[Summary of Funding Opportunities for Hospitals](#) (MHA)

REV. 5/10/20: [CDC What's New](#) (CDC)

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)

REV. 5/3/20: [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)

REV. 4/30/20: [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)

REV. 5/3/20: [Symptom-based Strategy to Discontinue Isolation for Persons with COVID-19](#) (CDC)

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)

REV. 4/30/20: [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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