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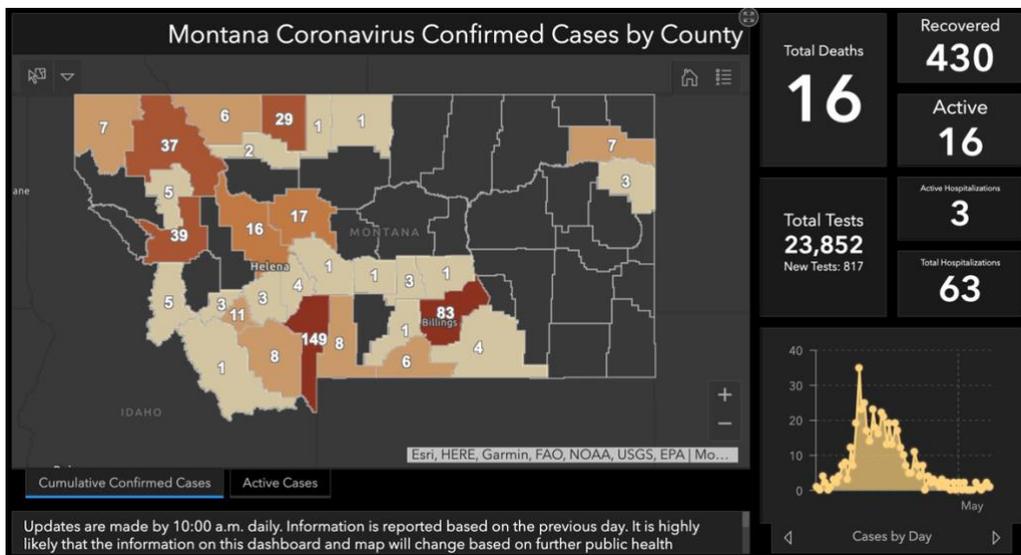
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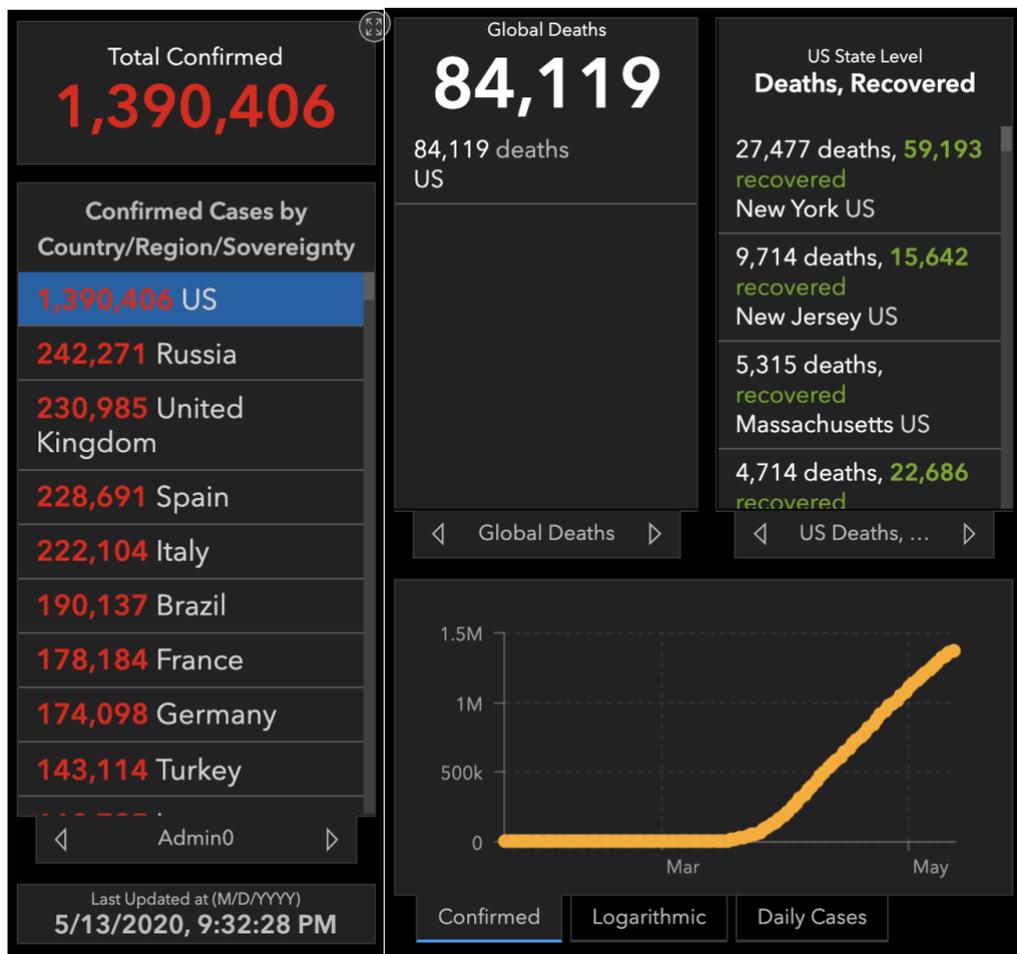
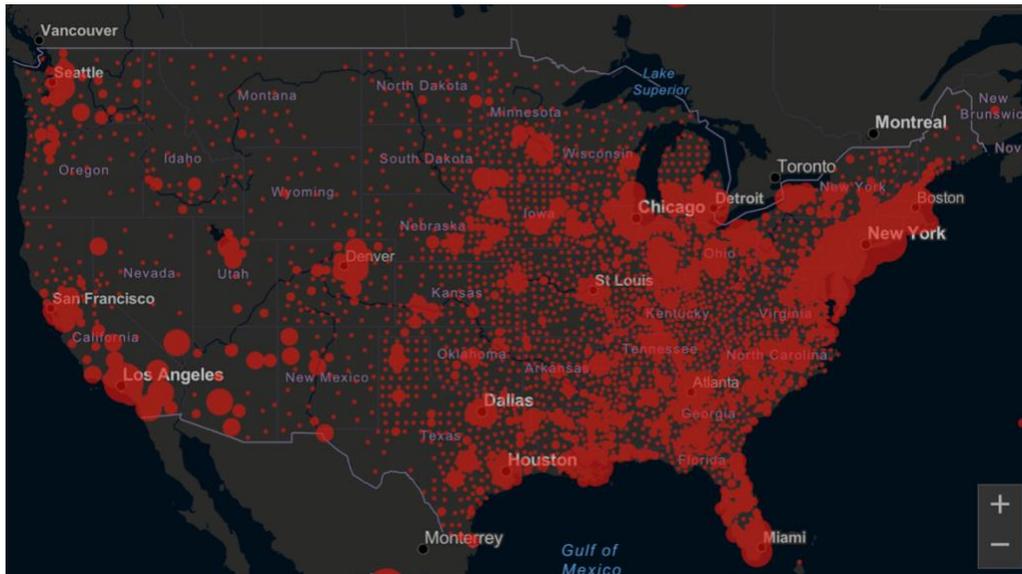
Montana Hospital Association - Situation Report

May 13, 2020

COVID-19

REPORTED CASES	
Montana <i>New in last 24 hours: +1</i> <i>Active Cases: 16 (Last 24hrs: -4)</i> <i>Recovered: 430 (Last 24hrs: +5)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Total: 63 (Last 24hrs: +0)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Active: 3 (Last 24hrs: -1)</i> <i>Deaths: 16 (Last 24hrs: +0)</i> Source: Montana COVID-19 Dashboard	462
United States <i>New in last 24 hours: 21,030 (+2%)</i> Source: Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard	1,390,406
WA	17,512
ID	2,293
WY	688
ND	1,647
SD	3,732





OPERATIONS

CMS issues nursing homes best practices toolkit to combat COVID-19. The [toolkit](#) is comprised of best practices from a variety of frontline healthcare providers, Governors' COVID-19 task forces, associations and other organizations, and experts, and is intended to serve as a catalogue of resources dedicated to

addressing the specific challenges facing nursing homes as they combat COVID-19.

SAMHSA announces COVID-19 grants for suicide prevention. Community-based primary and behavioral healthcare providers, hospital emergency departments and other eligible entities can apply through May 22 for grants of up to \$800,000 to support suicide prevention during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration [announced](#) yesterday. The agency expects to award 50 grants.

FDA issues EUAs for nurse call system, heart diagnostic tool. The FDA yesterday [authorized](#) the emergency use of the Ascom telecare IP Nurse Call System and Eko electrocardiogram Low Ejection Fraction Tool. FDA said the remote call system could reduce contact with COVID-19 patients in isolation rooms; the [screening device](#) provides an assessment of possible underlying cardiac conditions in confirmed or suspected COVID-19 patients.

PLANNING

HHS requests weekly data from hospitals to inform remdesivir distribution. HHS Monday announced that it is requesting certain data from hospitals to inform HHS's distribution of its supply of remdesivir, a drug that has shown encouraging results in treating certain COVID-19 patients in early clinical trials. Specifically, HHS is requesting weekly data on the number of currently hospitalized COVID-19 patients and, of those hospitalized, the number requiring placement in ICUs. HHS asks hospitals to submit the data using its TeleTracking web portal. Additional details are expected from HHS later this week.

State announces changes to data reporting. DPHHS announced the following changes to data reporting effective May 11:

- PPE Survey Tool has been discontinued. All PPE reporting will be done in EMResource.
- COVID hospitalization data loaded into the NHSN site will be optional for those facilities that use NHSN regardless of COVID-19 and the Formstack survey will be discontinued.
- Juvarre/EMResource:
 - Will be updated to allow reporting of COVID-19 patients.
 - COVID-19 Hospitalization bed categories will be added to EMResource.
 - Hospitals will update beds and vents daily.
 - Hospitals will report PPE every Friday.

- Long-term care facilities can reduce their bed and PPE reports to the Regional Coordinators to Fridays only. Regional Coordinators will email out a survey link weekly to each facility for bed and PPE data.
- Local DES Coordinators will continue to report their local PPE caches weekly to State DES.
- For questions, please contact your [Regional Coordinator](#).

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

FBI, CISA warn of serious nation state cyber threats, other top vulnerabilities. China and its proxies have been observed attempting to identify and illicitly obtain valuable intellectual property and public health data related to vaccines, treatments and testing from networks and personnel affiliated with COVID-19-related research, which could jeopardize the delivery of secure, effective and efficient treatment options, the FBI and CISA [warned](#) today.

In addition, the agencies yesterday issued alerts providing very specific technical details on the tools and infrastructure used by cyber actors of the North Korean government to conduct cyberattacks under a campaign collectively referred to as "[Hidden Cobra](#)," as well as the [top 10 most exploited vulnerabilities](#) by state and other cyber actors from 2016 to 2019. According to the analysis, malicious cyber actors most often exploited vulnerabilities in Microsoft's Object Linking and Embedding technology and the ubiquitous web framework known as Apache Struts.

FEMA updates policy on medical care costs eligible for financial assistance. FEMA yesterday updated its [policy](#) for determining medical care costs eligible for assistance under its Public Assistance Program, available to government entities and certain private non-profit organizations during the COVID-19 emergency.

SBA clarifies Paycheck Protection Program's good-faith certification provisions.

The SBA today provided further clarity on how it reviews borrowers' required good-faith certification for Paycheck Protection Program loan requests. The agency [said](#) that it established "safe harbor" protections for PPP loans' reviews. According to SBA, "any borrower that, together with its affiliates, received PPP loans with an original principal amount of less than \$2 million will be deemed to have made the required certification concerning the necessity of the loan request in good faith." Additionally, SBA said that borrowers with loans greater than \$2 million who do not satisfy this safe harbor "may still have an adequate basis for making the required good-faith certification, based on their individual circumstances in light of the language of the certification and SBA guidance."

IRS allows mid-year enrollment in employer coverage, other changes. The Internal Revenue Service today issued [guidance](#) that, among other changes, expands the ability of taxpayers to make mid-year elections for health coverage, health flexible spending arrangements and dependent care assistance programs in response to changing needs due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

FAQ: Public posting requirement of COVID-19 tests. CMS issued a [FAQ document](#) regarding the requirement for providers to make public the cash prices for COVID-19 diagnostic tests.

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)

[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)

[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)

[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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