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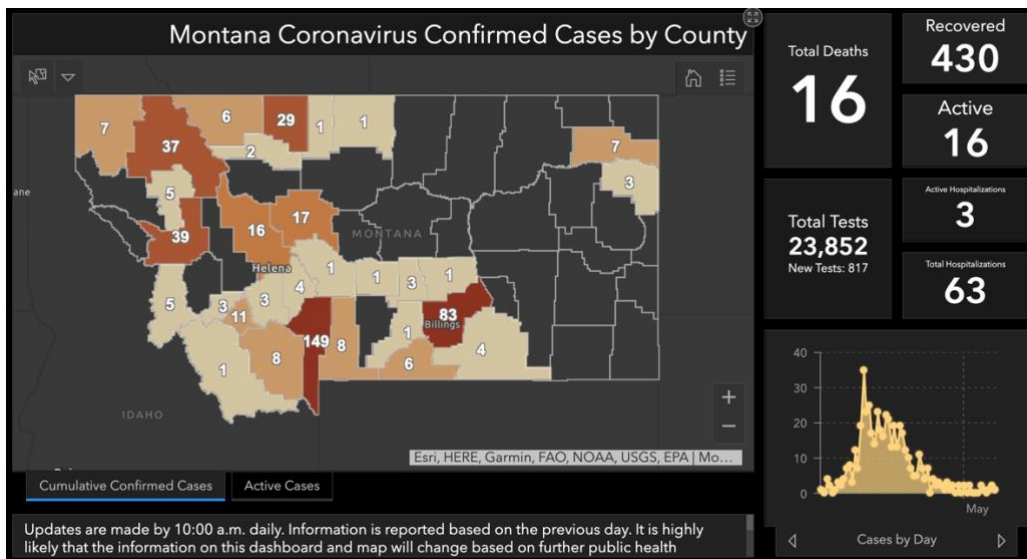
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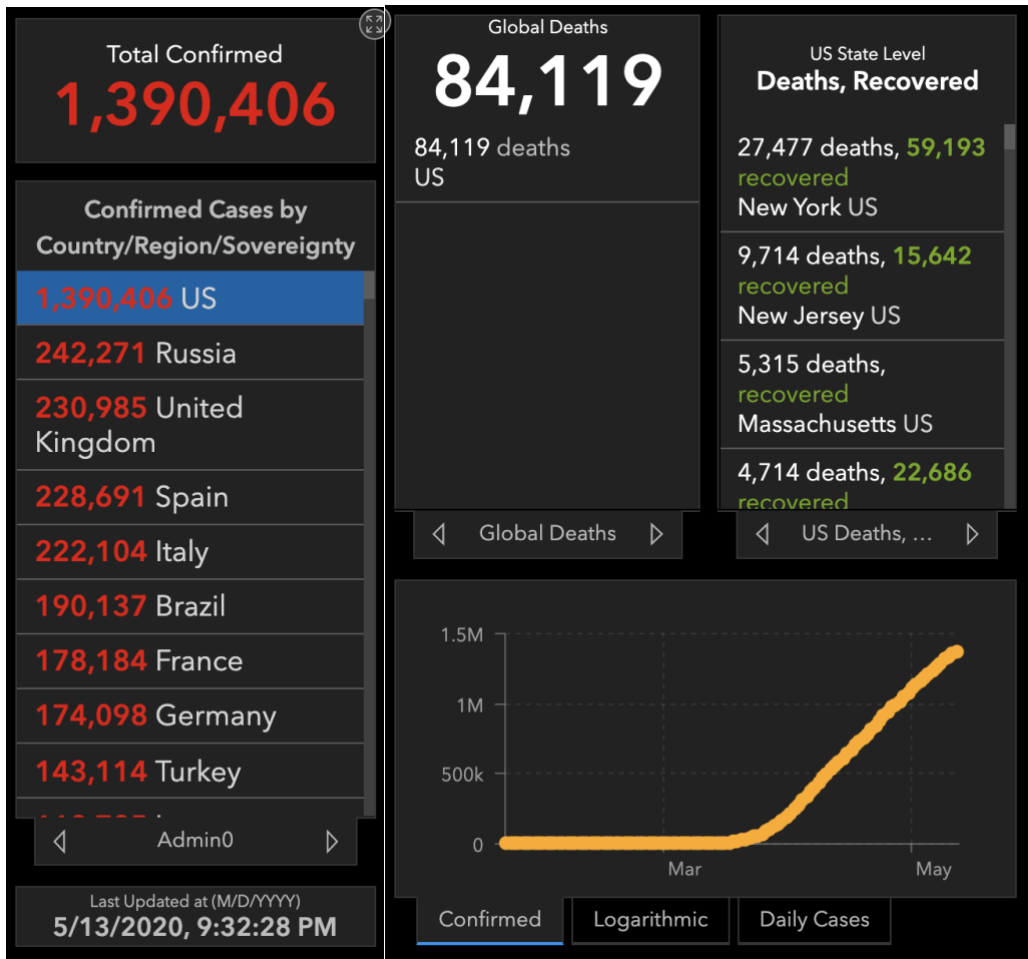
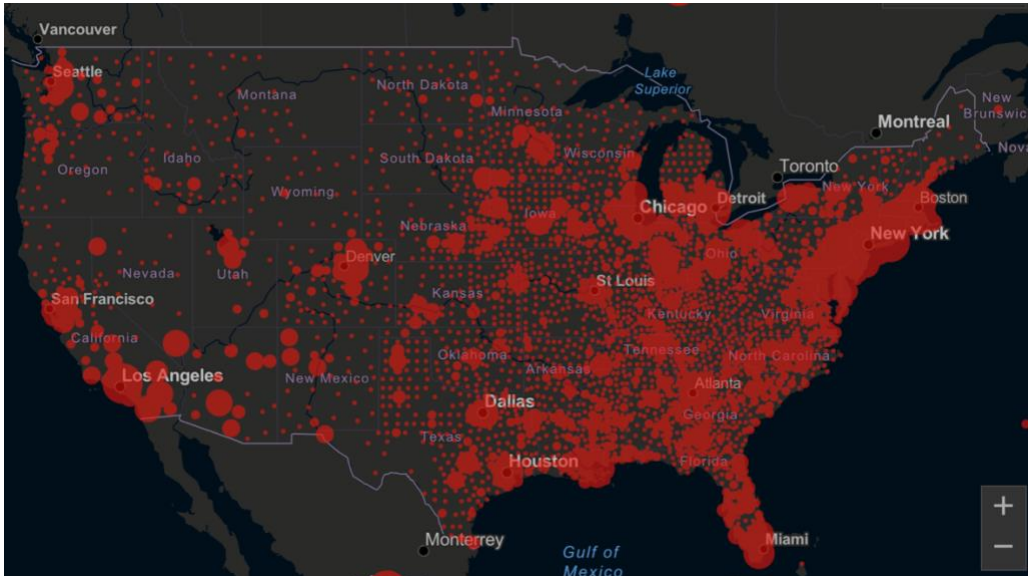
Montana Hospital Association - Situation Report

May 14, 2020

## COVID-19

REPORTED CASES	
<b>Montana</b> <i>New in last 24 hours: +0</i> <i>Active Cases: 15 (Last 24hrs: -1)</i> <i>Recovered: 431 (Last 24hrs: +1)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Total: 63 (Last 24hrs: +0)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Active: 3 (Last 24hrs: +0)</i> <i>Deaths: 16 (Last 24hrs: +0)</i> Source: <a href="#">Montana COVID-19 Dashboard</a>	<b>462</b>
<b>United States</b> <i>New in last 24 hours: 27,483 (+2%)</i> Source: <a href="#">Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard</a>	<b>1,417,889</b>
<b>WA</b>	<b>17,773</b>
<b>ID</b>	<b>2,351</b>
<b>WY</b>	<b>701</b>
<b>ND</b>	<b>1,712</b>
<b>SD</b>	<b>3,792</b>





## OPERATIONS

CDC “What’s New” aggregates new and revised guidance, resources. Revised or new documents are added to the agency’s “What’s New” page daily. Recent additions include COVID-19 Forecasts (May 14), Social Media Toolkit (May 13),

Information for Pediatric Healthcare Providers (May 12), Running Essential Errands (May 11) and more.

## PLANNING

**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.
- Juware/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

**Free legal services for healthcare workers.** Montana Legal Services Association is partnering with the Montana DPHHS Legal Services Developer Program to pair volunteer attorneys with low-income essential workers who want to get their estate planning documents done. These include a will, powers of attorney and advanced directives. A [flyer](#) explains the program and links to the forms for those who wish to prepare documents without the help of a lawyer.

**White House announces overhaul of Strategic National Stockpile.** President Trump today [announced](#) plans to expand and restructure the Strategic National Stockpile. The White House said it plans to expand domestic production of supplies and equipment and utilize technology to improve visibility of supply chains. Separately, President Trump signed an executive order assigning authority under the Defense Production Act to the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation, headed by former Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation Director Adam Boehler, to provide financing to key industries producing goods and services needed to increase national stockpiles.

**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

**Moody's: Coronavirus to pose hospital credit risks through 2021.** The nonprofit hospital and healthcare sector will continue to face credit risks from the coronavirus into 2021, according to a report released today by Moody's Investors Service. "Although federal government stimulus and emergency response funding will curb some of the losses, the assistance is unlikely to fully compensate hospitals," the report notes. "While financial recovery for the sector depends on restarting nonemergency or elective services, the pace and timing of that process will likely vary significantly by geography depending on when restrictions are lifted. A number of other variables will also affect patient volume, including hospitals' access to rapid coronavirus testing, supply chains, government policy, potential surges in more coronavirus cases, job losses and related changes in insurance coverage, and consumer fears about returning to a hospital."

**Kaiser Family Foundation study warns of spike in the uninsured due to COVID-19.** The Kaiser Family Foundation yesterday released a [study](#) showing the scope of COVID-19's effect on health insurance coverage. KFF estimates that more than 20 million people will become eligible for subsidized coverage through the Affordable Care Act, due to either expanded Medicaid or premium tax credits, after losing employer-sponsored health coverage due to the pandemic. However, an additional 6 million people will not be eligible for subsidized coverage; as a result, these individuals will either have to pay the full cost of coverage or become uninsured.

In a separate [issue brief](#) also released yesterday, KFF details new analysis showing that ACA-compliant individual market insurers remain profitable and stable through 2019, even without a mandate penalty. However, the researchers note that this forward-looking expectation is clouded somewhat by the COVID-19 pandemic, economic downturn and ongoing lawsuit seeking to strike down the ACA.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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)

[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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