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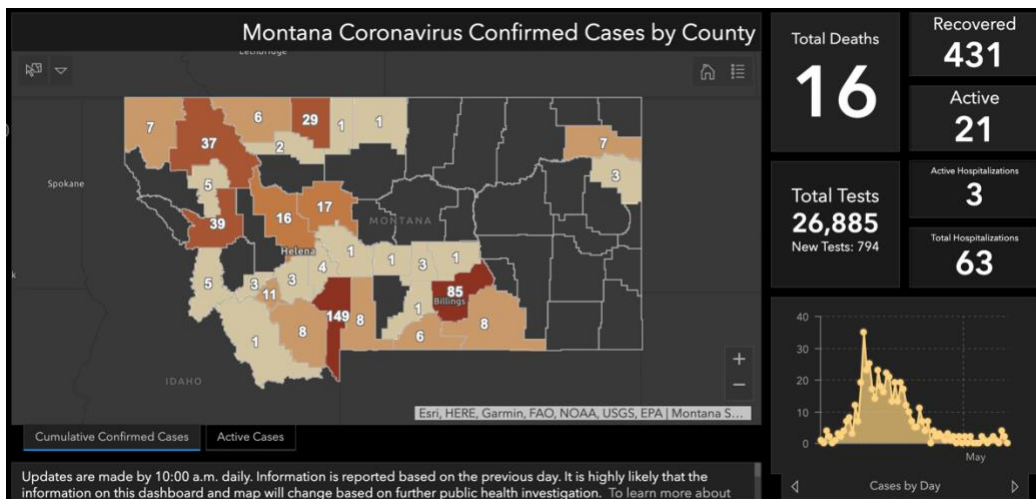
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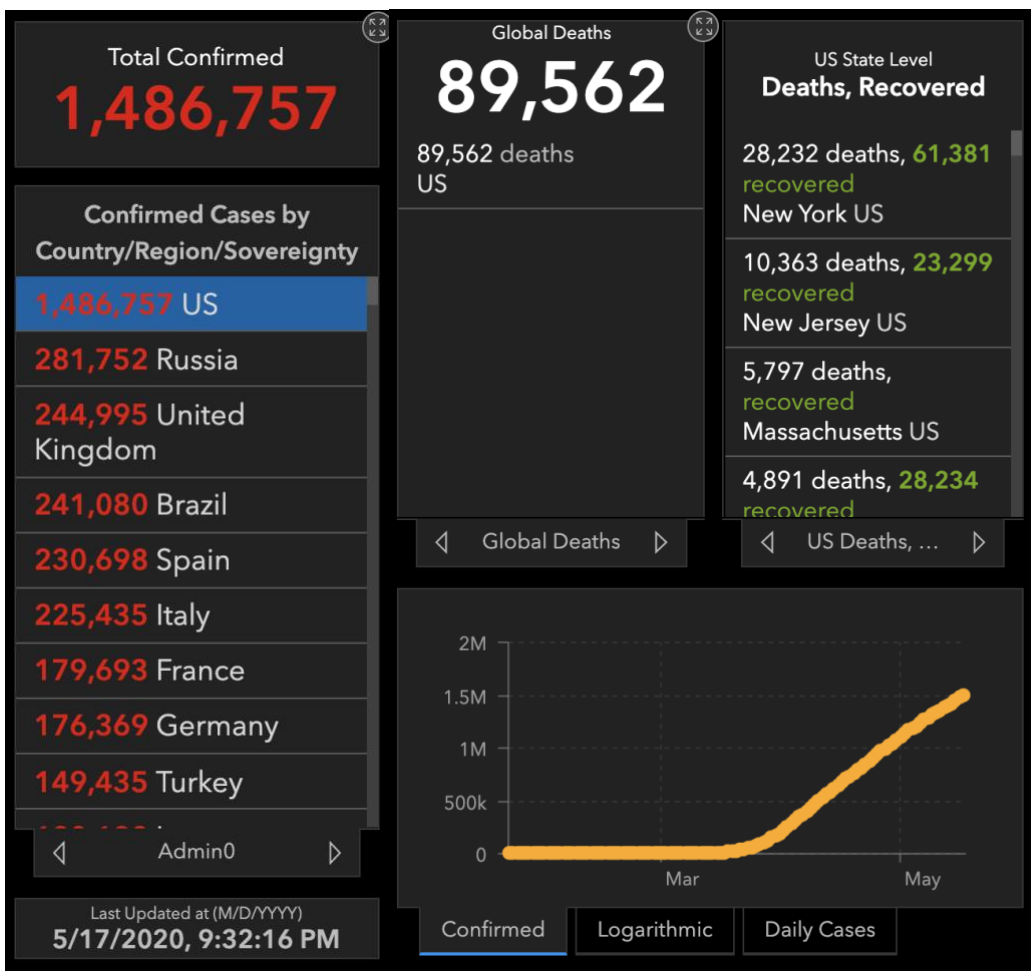
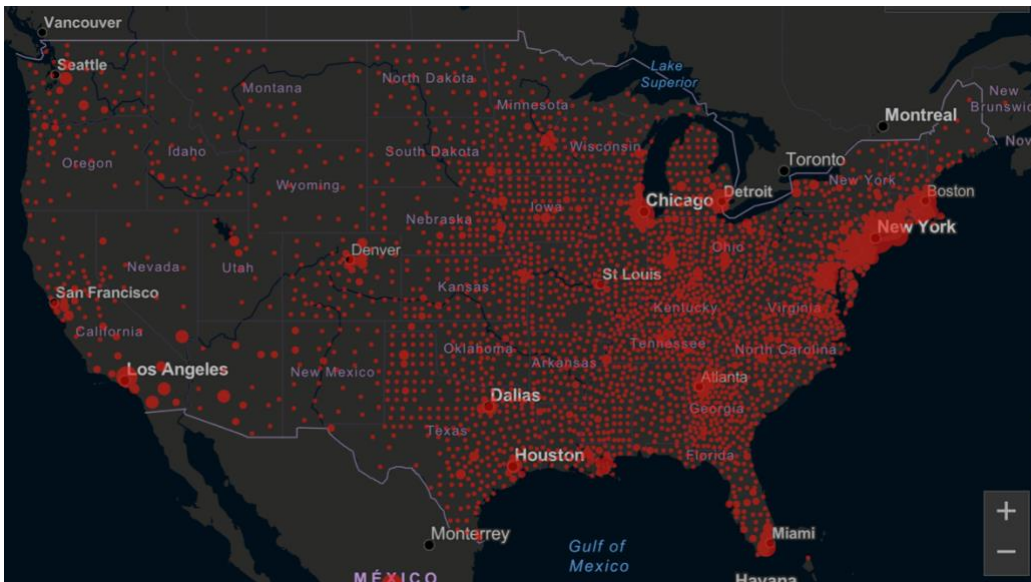
Montana Hospital Association - Situation Report

May 17, 2020

## COVID-19

REPORTED CASES	
<b>Montana</b> <i>New in last 48 hours: +2</i> <i>Active Cases: 19 (Last 48hrs: +2)</i> <i>Recovered: 431 (Last 48hrs: +0)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Total: 63 (Last 48hrs: +0)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Active: 3 (Last 48hrs: +0)</i> <i>Deaths: 16 (Last 48hrs: +0)</i> Source: <a href="#">Montana COVID-19 Dashboard</a>	<b>468</b>
<b>United States</b> <i>New in last 48 hours: 43,933 (+3%)</i> Source: <a href="#">Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard</a>	<b>1,486,757</b>
<b>WA</b>	<b>18,433</b>
<b>ID</b>	<b>2,419</b>
<b>WY</b>	<b>754</b>
<b>ND</b>	<b>1,900</b>
<b>SD</b>	<b>3,987</b>





**House passes \$3 trillion COVID-19 relief package.** The House Friday passed the Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions (HEROES) Act — a \$3 trillion COVID-19 relief package.

The Senate has already indicated it will not take up the [House bill](#) in its current form, but what happens next is unclear. Senate Republicans have advocated a

pause in further federal COVID-19 relief action until the impact of previous measures can be assessed. They also have objected to the cost of the House package. That means action on additional relief could be pushed into June. For more information on the healthcare-related provisions of the HEROES Act, see the May 15 edition of the MHA Weekly News Report.

## OPERATIONS

**NIH updates COVID-19 Treatment Guidelines.** *What's New in the Guidelines* (page 4) outlines new additions and updates to the [treatment guidelines](#), including antithrombotic therapy, antiviral drugs under evaluation and immune-based therapy under evaluation.

**Lessons from New York, Louisiana and Arizona.** *COVID-19: Healthcare System Operations Strategies and Experiences* [webinar recording](#) features presenters from some of the hardest hit hospitals in New York, Louisiana and Arizona who shared their hospital operation experiences and logistics information. Please note: you will need to enter your name and email address to access the recording.

**CDC allocates \$10.25B to expand testing.** The CDC will award \$10.25 billion from the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act to states, localities and territories by May 23 to expand COVID-19 testing and surveillance activities, the agency announced today. View the latest funding allocations as well as previous COVID-19 allocations to the jurisdictions [here](#).

## PLANNING

**State announces changes to data reporting.** DPHHS announced changes to data reporting effective May 11. For questions, please contact your [Regional Coordinator](#).

- **Hospitals:** Continue reporting to Juvare/EMResource as follows:
  - Daily: Bed and ventilator counts
  - Weekly (every Friday): PPE
  - Following treatment of COVID-19 patient(s): COVID-19 patient data, as directed by public health officials
- **Long-Term Care Facilities:** May 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.

## 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

**CMS Updates Medicare Provider FAQ.** CMS updated the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) to Assist Medicare Providers. New material addresses ACOs and is found on page 40.

## 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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