SITREP

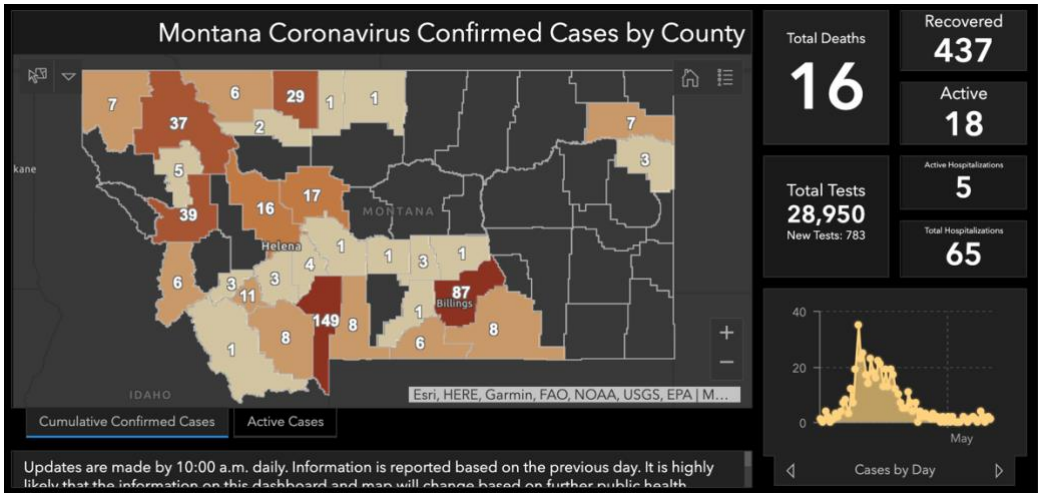
MHA Montana Hospital Association

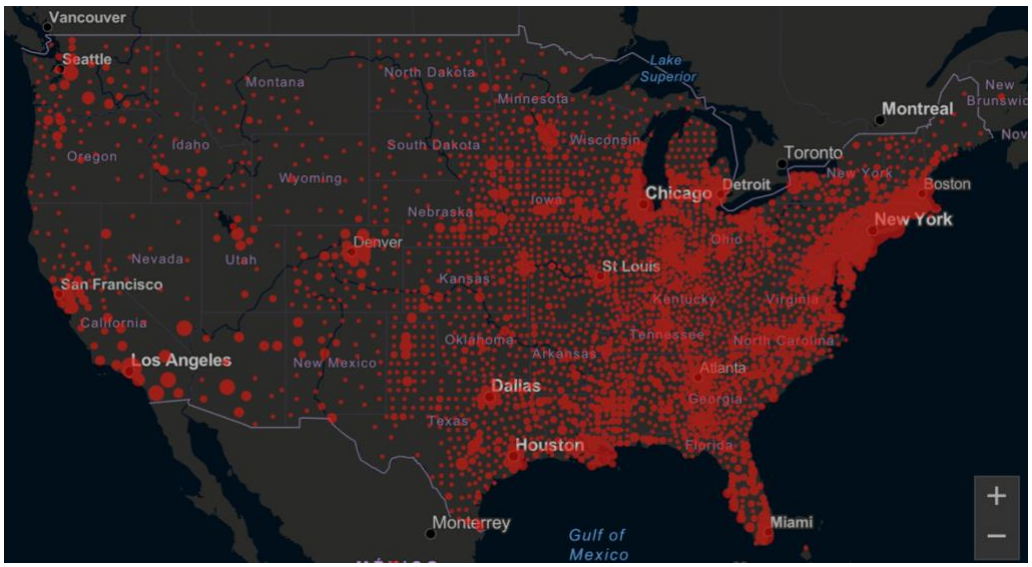
Montana Hospital Association - Situation Report

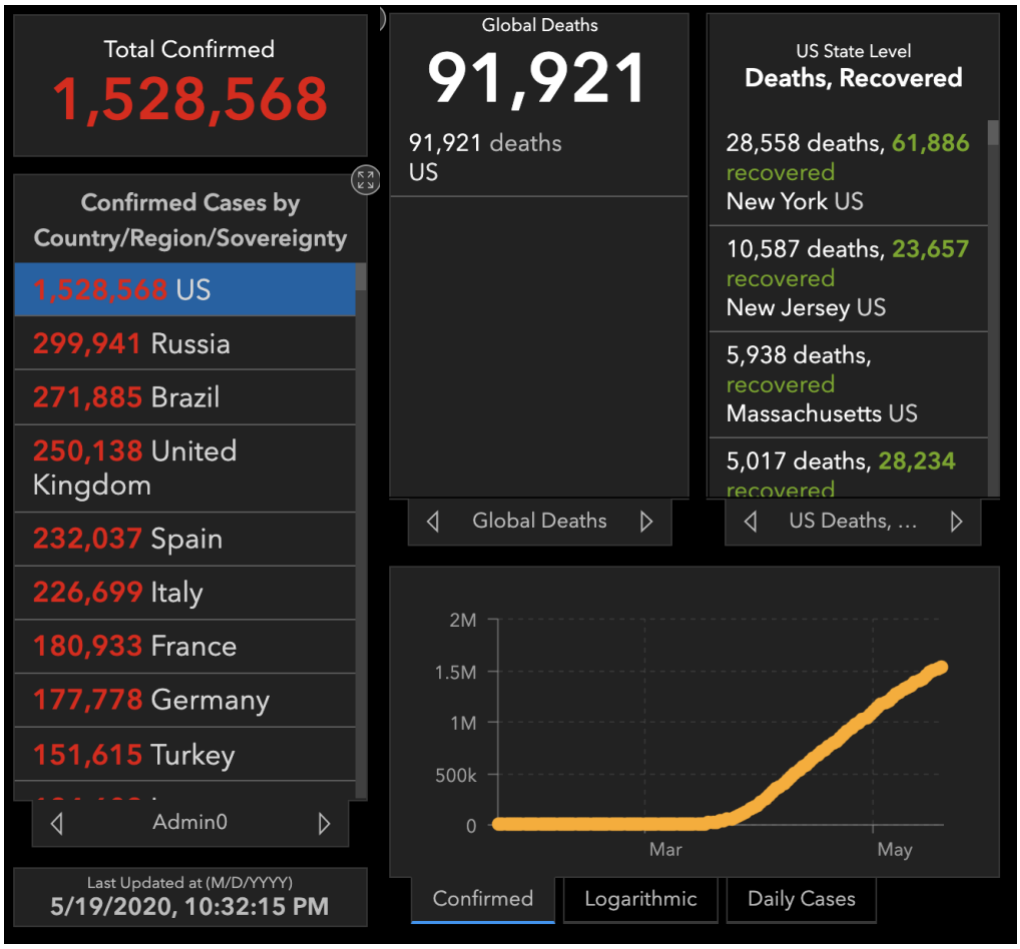
May 19, 2020

COVID-19

REPORTED CASES	
Montana ***New in last 24 hours: +1*** ***Active Cases: 18 (Last 24hrs: -2)*** ***Recovered: 437 (Last 24hrs: +3)*** ***Hospitalizations, Total: 65 (Last 24hrs: +1)*** ***Hospitalizations, Active: 5 (Last 24hrs: +1)*** ***Deaths: 16 (Last 24hrs: +0)*** **Source: Montana COVID-19 Dashboard**	**471**
United States ***New in last 24 hours: 19,970 (+1%)*** **Source: Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard**	**1,528,568**
WA	**18,811**
ID	**2,455**
WY	**776**
ND	**1,994**
SD	**4,085**







Governor Steve Bullock announces move to Phase Two of the Reopening the Big Sky plan; will lift the 14-day out-of-state travel quarantine beginning June 1.
Montana continues to have the lowest number of positive COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations per capita

In the announcement, Governor Bullock outlined the following indicators which allow Montana to move into Phase Two beginning on June 1:

- A downward trajectory of positive tests as a percent of total tests within a 14-day period.
- The current ability to contact and trace, along with plans to add additional contact tracers to the existing workforce.
- Ensuring that healthcare workers have the supplies they need to treat COVID-19 and non-COVID-19 patients.
- Ramping up testing capacity to eventually meet a target of 60,000 tests a month and prioritizing testing for vulnerable Montanans and tribal communities. A total of 5,600 tests were conducted last week. Increased testing continues with sentinel testing efforts in nursing homes and assisting living facilities, testing events in tribal areas, and drive through testing being conducted at a few sites.

Changes under Phase Two Directive, effective June 1, include:

- The 14-day travel quarantine for out-of-state travelers and residents arriving from another state or country to Montana for non-work-related purposes will be lifted. The Montana National Guard will continue to conduct screenings in airports and train depots and refer anyone with COVID-19-related symptoms to local public health officials.
- Expanded allowed gatherings to groups of up to 50 people. Groups larger than 50 people should be cancelled unless physical distancing can be maintained. It is recommended to continue to social distance in gatherings of any size.
- Restaurants, bars, breweries, distilleries and casinos may increase to 75% capacity while still observing social distancing and sanitation guidelines established in Phase One.
- Gyms, indoor group fitness classes, pool, and hot tubs can operate at 75% capacity and only if they can adhere to strict physical distancing and they exercise frequent sanitation protocols.
- Concert halls, bowling alleys, and other places of assembly may operate with reduced capacity and if they adhere to strict physical distancing guidelines.

All businesses are required to follow the social distancing and sanitation guidelines established in Phase One, and Montanans are strongly encouraged to continue sanitation practices, including hand washing and wearing masks in public places like grocery stores.

OPERATIONS

CDC distributes $11B to expand COVID-19 testing capacity. The CDC yesterday awarded $10.25 billion from the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act to states, territories and local jurisdictions, and $750 million to tribal health programs to expand COVID-19 testing capacity and related activities. The funding will help them develop, purchase, administer, process and analyze COVID-19 tests, and trace and monitor contacts of infected people. View the latest funding allocations as well as previous COVID-19 allocations to the jurisdictions here.

HHS awards contract to make COVID-19 drug ingredients, generics in U.S. HHS today announced a $354 million agreement with a private partnership to make more active pharmaceutical ingredients and generic drugs in the United States to treat patients hospitalized with COVID-19 and prevent shortages of essential medicines. Under the four-year agreement, Phlow Corporation will partner with Civica Rx, the nonprofit generic drug company created by hospital systems and others; AMPAC Fine Chemicals; the Medicines for All Institute at Virginia Commonwealth University's College of Engineering and others to rapidly make the active pharmaceutical ingredients and medicines using advanced manufacturing processes. The contract can be extended up to 10 years to maintain the system and supplies.

CMS recommends criteria for assessing and reopening nursing homes. In response to the significant impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on nursing homes, CMS yesterday recommended criteria for state and local officials who are considering how to mitigate risks. The agency addresses the following factors: case status in a nursing home; adequate staffing levels; access to adequate testing; access to personal protective equipment; visitor guidelines; and local hospital capacity. In addition, the CMS guidance includes a three-phase reopening process for nursing homes and a FAQ document. The agency also noted that because of the inherent risks of congregate living in this setting, aggressive efforts are still required and that nursing homes should be among the last facilities to reopen.

Mountain Pacific Quality Health is hosting a call with Montana DPHHS Quality Assurance Division leadership on Wednesday, May 20 at 2 p.m. to review nursing home reopening recommendations. Watch for the daily COVID-19 Call Alert for details.

Union seeks to compel OSHA to issue COVID-19 emergency standard. The AFL-CIO yesterday asked the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit

to order the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to issue within 30 days an emergency temporary standard to protect U.S. workers from COVID-19 under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970. The AFL-CIO and National Nurses United petitioned OSHA in March to issue an emergency temporary standard under section 6(c) of the Act. The court has ordered the Department of Labor to respond to the unions' petition by 4 p.m. Friday, May 29 and the unions to reply to the department's response by Tuesday, June 2. The petition does not specify the precise contents of an emergency standard and if compelled by the court to comply, the department would have a good deal of discretion in creating such a standard.

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

Healthcare groups release re-entry guidance for medical device reps. The AHA, the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses and AdvaMed has issued Re-entry Guidance for Healthcare Facilities and Medical Device Representatives.

Battelle offers free service to decontaminate N95 masks, releases FAQs on technology and efficacy. Healthcare facilities wishing to utilize the free Battelle N95 respirator decontamination service can begin the enrollment process here. This no-cost service to Montana healthcare providers allows reuse of N95 masks up to 20x.

In response to questions raised by healthcare workers and nursing unions across the country, Battelle recently issued FAQs on its Critical Care Decontamination System (CCDS). This document contains details about the initial research and recent actions related to the decontamination technology.

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

OSHA Adopts Revised Enforcement Policies for COVID-19. OSHA has adopted new enforcement guidance for enforcing its requirements with respect to the coronavirus.

COMMUNICATIONS

May 31 deadline for hospitals to share their community's stories of kindness for Reader's Digest feature. Hospitals can submit their stories of kindness in overcoming the COVID-19 pandemic by May 31 to be featured in Reader's Digest's Nicest Places in America 2020. The publication is searching for inspiring stories in an effort to demonstrate how Americans come together in kindness to overcome crisis, ease suffering and save lives. Visit the webpages to apply and to learn more.

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)

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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