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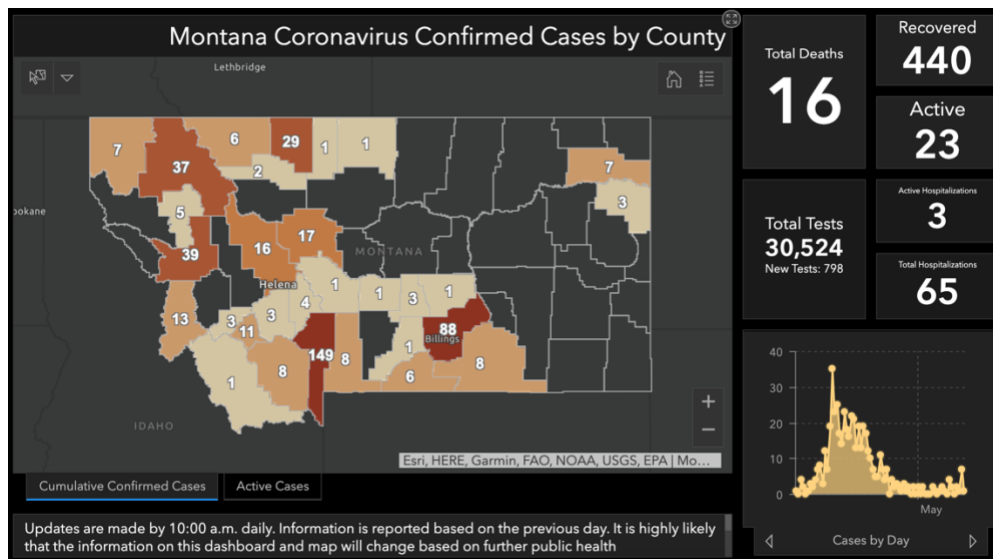
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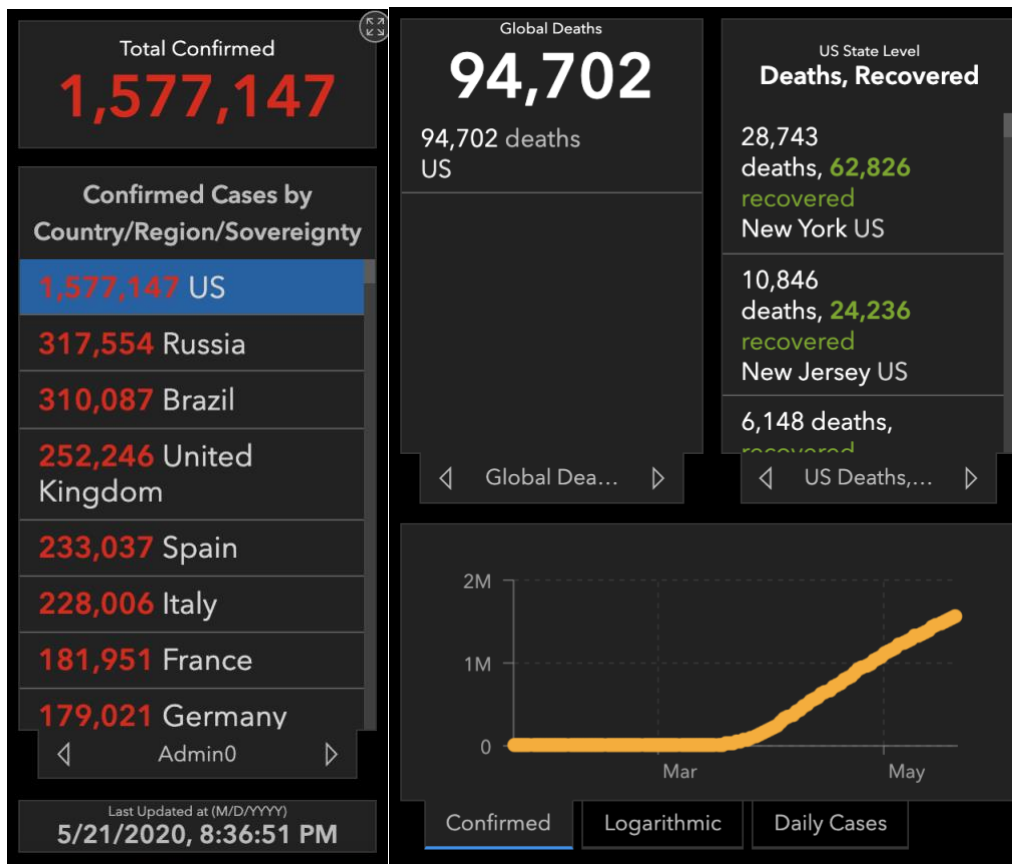
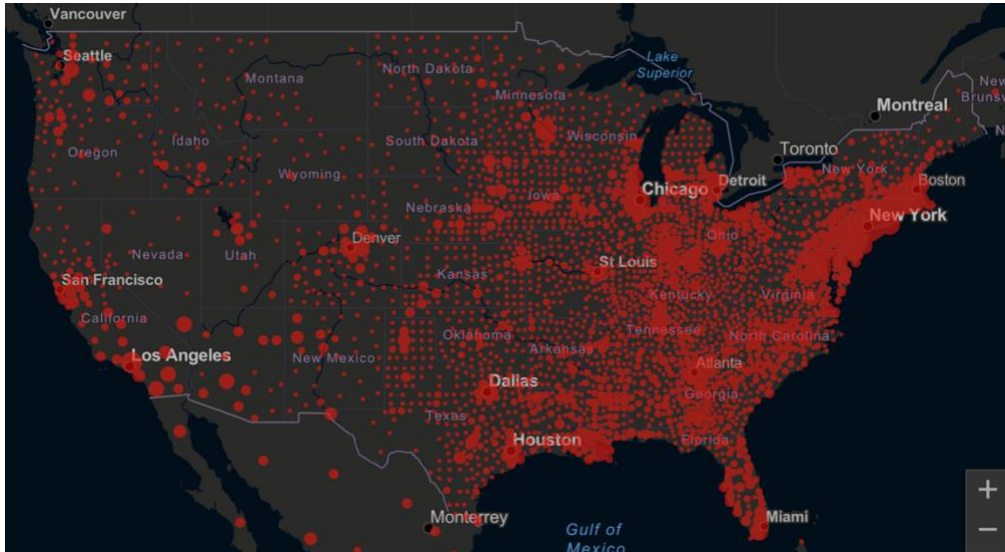
Montana Hospital Association - Situation Report

May 21, 2020

COVID-19

REPORTED CASES	
Montana <i>New in last 24 hours: +1</i> <i>Active Cases: 23 (Last 24hrs: +1)</i> <i>Recovered: 440 (Last 24hrs: +0)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Total: 65 (Last 24hrs: +0)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Active: 3 (Last 24hrs: +0)</i> <i>Deaths: 16 (Last 24hrs: +0)</i> Source: Montana COVID-19 Dashboard	479
United States <i>New in last 24 hours: 25,294 (+2%)</i> Source: Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard	1,577,147
WA	19,117
ID	2,506
WY	801
ND	2,229
SD	4,177





OPERATIONS

HHS backs AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine candidate, could be ready by October. A collaboration between HHS and AstraZeneca is projected to make available 300 million doses of a COVID-19 vaccine, the first of which could be available as early as October, [HHS today said](#). The agreement is part of the White House's Operation Warp Speed, a public-private effort to facilitate, at an unprecedented pace, the development, manufacturing and distribution of COVID-19

countermeasures. HHS says phase three clinical studies of AZD1222 are set to start in the summer. The FDA must still approve an emergency use authorization or licensure in order to make the vaccine available. AZD1222 is the fourth vaccine candidate to receive HHS' Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority support for late-stage development and manufacturing.

CDC issues updated guidance for newborns at risk for COVID-19. The CDC yesterday issued [revised guidance](#) for pediatric clinicians on caring for newborns with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 or known COVID-19 exposure, including birth to a mother with confirmed or suspected COVID-19. According to the CDC, data suggest that infants under one year old may be at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19 compared with older children. The new guidance covers the diagnosis, evaluation, infection prevention and control practices for children younger than 29 days old.

COVID-19 could spur more 'deaths of despair,' wellness advocates warn. An [annual report](#) into death by several factors tied to mental health and wellbeing — otherwise referred to as "deaths of despair" — topped 150,000 in 2018. The report, authored by the Trust for America's Health and the Well Being Trust and based on 2018 data, shows that while opioid deaths declined slightly, those induced by alcohol, suicide, synthetic opioids and psychostimulants continued to rise.

These trends could be exacerbated by COVID-19's impact on mental wellness, the groups warned. They recommend that public health organizations prioritize efforts to mitigate the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on mental health, substance use, suicide and overall well-being by expanding existing wellness programs and developing new ones to reach those at risk.

PLANNING

Continue resource reporting to State. The following reporting requirements are in effect. 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

Streamlined sign-up process for Battelle mask decontamination program.

Battelle and Montana DES have simplified the sign-up process for participation in the Critical Care Decontamination System (CCDS) for N95 masks. Get started with the [4-step sign-up process](#).

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

MLN article addresses swing beds as hospital service. CMS May 20 released a new [MLN Matters Article](#) for hospitals requesting Medicare approve swing beds as a hospital service. This swing bed waiver would allow hospitals to provide skilled nursing level care for hospitalized patients who don't need acute level care but can't find nursing home placement during the COVID-19 emergency.

Sources of financial support for healthcare providers during the COVID-19 pandemic. Congress and the Trump Administration have taken a number of steps to make available financial resources for healthcare providers during the COVID-19 pandemic. Many of these policies were authorized through the Families First Coronavirus Response Act and the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act. A [summary document](#) developed by Jones Day, provides an overview of these provisions, information on eligibility and the amount of funding available through each opportunity. The provisions highlighted include, but are not limited to:

- The Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund
- Grants through the Federal Emergency Management Agency
- Accelerated and advanced Medicare payments
- Suspension of the Medicare sequestration
- Expanded coverage of telehealth and COVID-19 testing
- The Paycheck Protection Program
- The Main Street New and Expanded Loan Facilities
- Various employer tax provisions

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)

[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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