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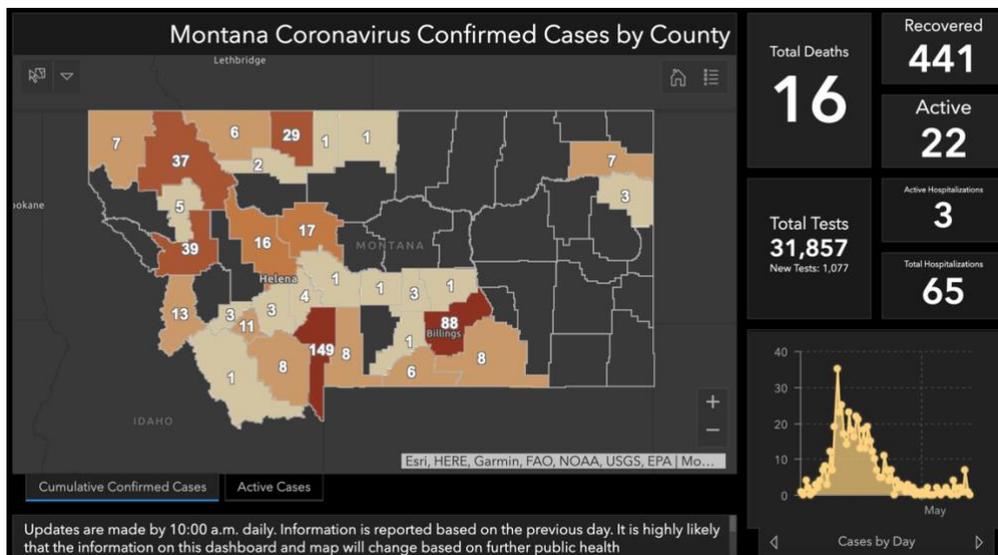
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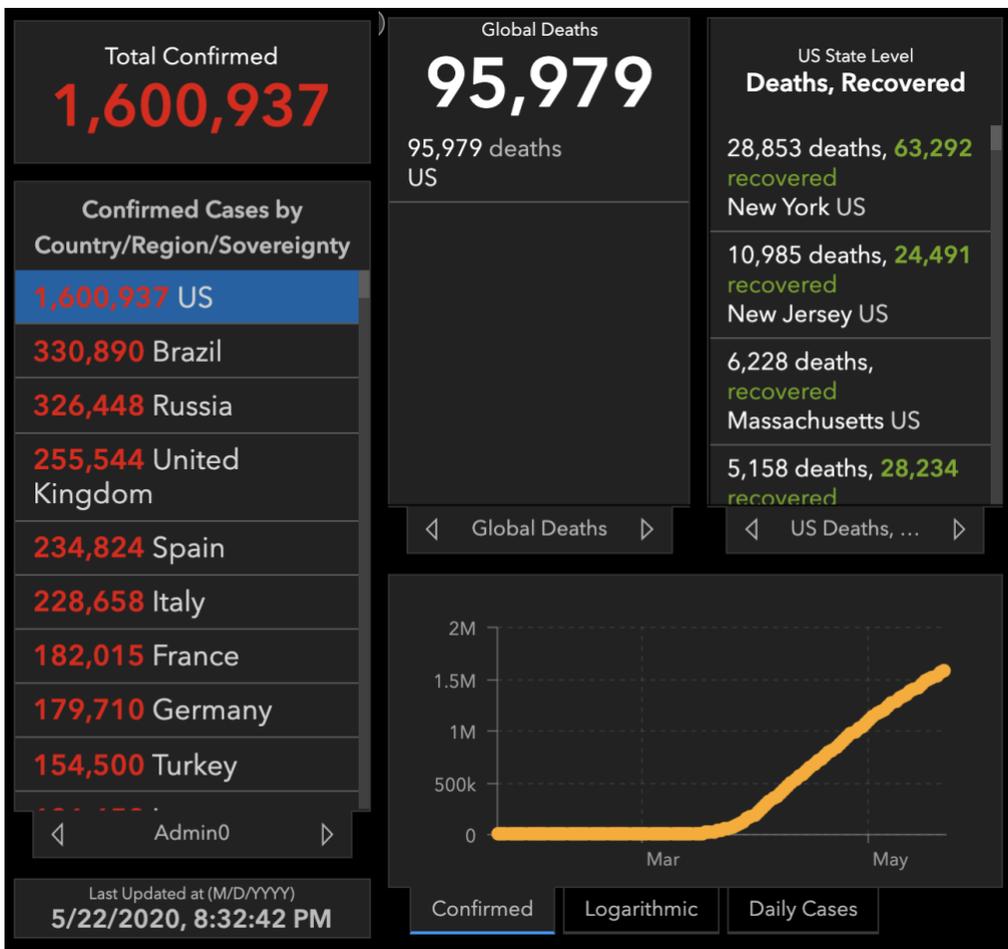
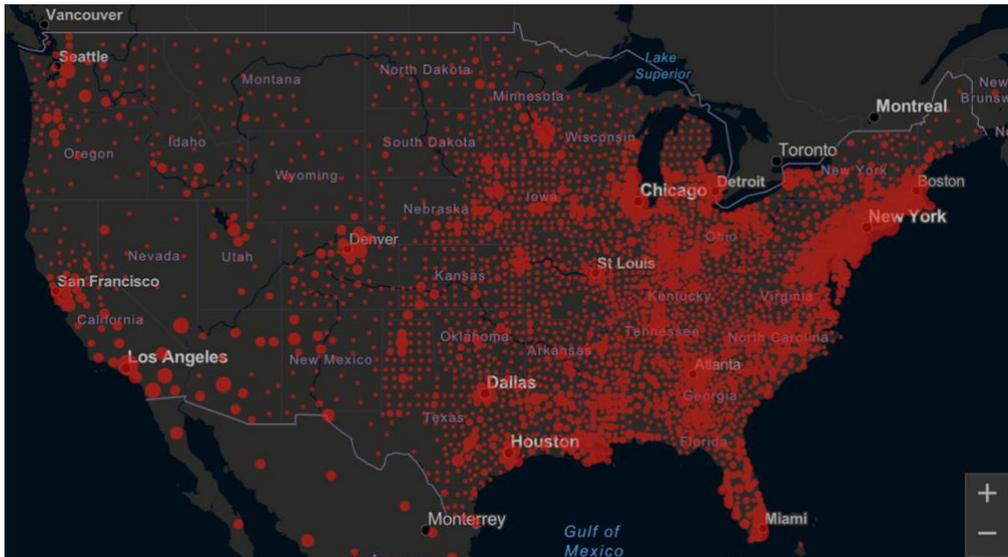
Montana Hospital Association - Situation Report

May 22, 2020

COVID-19

REPORTED CASES	
Montana <i>New in last 24 hours: +0</i> <i>Active Cases: 22 (Last 24hrs: -1)</i> <i>Recovered: 441 (Last 24hrs: +1)</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: 23,790(+2%)</i> Source: Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard	1,600,937
WA	19,265
ID	2,595
WY	803
ND	2,317
SD	4,356





Daines pushes for greater PPP flexibility to support Montana businesses, workers. U.S. Senator Steve Daines yesterday [introduced](#) two bipartisan proposals to provide greater flexibility for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) to support and provide more relief for Montana’s small businesses and workers impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. Daines is pushing to provide flexibility to PPP to:

- Allow forgiveness for expenses beyond the 8-week covered period
- Add flexibility to the limit on non-payroll expenses to 25% of loan proceeds
- Move rehiring safe harbor from June 30
- Extend the rehiring deadline to help small businesses rehire employees
- Ensure full access to payroll tax deferment for businesses that take PPP loans.
- Clarify that the current lender hold-harmless provision relates to all SBA/Treasury guidance regarding PPP loans. This would ensure that lenders who followed PPP guidance released by SBA/Treasury could not later be held liable if that guidance subsequently changed.

Montana unemployment rate in April 11.3%; roughly 1/3 of unemployed return to work in May. Governor Steve Bullock today [announced](#) Montana's unemployment rate was at 11.3% in April due to impacts created by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Montana unemployment rate remains below the national rate of 14.7% in April.

Montana's unemployment rate for the month of April was captured on April 12 during the stay at home order. Total employment, which includes agricultural, payroll, and self-employed workers, decreased by 55,766 jobs in April. Since the unemployment rate was calculated in April, a significant number of Montanans are returning to work. Nearly 18,000 Montanans have already returned to work since the state began reopening.

Leisure activities, which includes hotels, restaurants, movie theaters, and other entertainment and recreation businesses, was the hardest hit, with losses approaching nearly half of their total employment and exceeding 32,000 jobs. All industries posted losses except the federal government. The most up-to-date claims and economic information, including county impacts, can be found at DLI's [job tracking website](#).

OPERATIONS

HHS announces nearly \$4.9 billion distribution to SNFs affected by COVID-19.

HHS today [announced](#) that it has begun distributing nearly \$4.9 billion from the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund to skilled nursing facilities to help them combat COVID-19.

HHS will make distributions to SNFs based on both a fixed basis and variable basis. Each SNF will receive a fixed distribution of \$50,000, plus a distribution of \$2,500 per bed. All certified SNFs with six or more certified beds are eligible for this targeted distribution.

The additional funds may help SNFs address critical areas such as labor, scaling up testing capacity, acquiring personal protective equipment, and other expenses directly linked to the pandemic, HHS said.

FDA removes tests from list of antibody tests under review. The FDA yesterday [posted](#) a list of COVID-19 antibody tests (see “What Tests Should No Longer Be Distributed for COVID-19”) that will no longer be marketed because they have not been authorized for emergency use under its revised policy, or the manufacturer withdrew them from the list of tests under review for emergency use. To help ensure COVID-19 antibody tests are trustworthy, the agency [revised its guidance](#) May 4 to recommend manufacturers request an emergency use authorization within 10 business days after they validate their test.

FDA updates certain COVID-19 drug compounding guidance. The FDA yesterday updated two guidances for the temporary compounding of certain drugs used to treat COVID-19 patients. The guidance for temporary compounding of certain drugs for [outsourcing facilities](#) now includes information to help hospitals determine which facilities are covered by the policy, and clarifies policies for testing both container-closures and product stability. It also says FDA will not take action against outsourcing facilities for filling drug orders for copies of FDA-approved products. In addition, FDA updated guidance for temporary compounding of certain drugs by [pharmacy compounders](#) to include reporting to FDA any adverse events associated with drugs they compounded.

FDA approves two drugs to help address shortages. The FDA this week approved two abbreviated new drug applications expected to alleviate shortages and help during the COVID-19 emergency. [Dexmedetomidine hydrochloride](#) 0.9% sodium chloride injection is indicated for sedation of initially intubated and mechanically ventilated patients during treatment in an intensive care setting, and sedation of non-intubated patients prior to and/or during surgical and other procedures. [Succinylcholine chloride injection](#) USP 200 mg/10 mL is indicated for general anesthesia, and to facilitate tracheal intubation and provide skeletal muscle relaxation during surgery or mechanical ventilation.

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

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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