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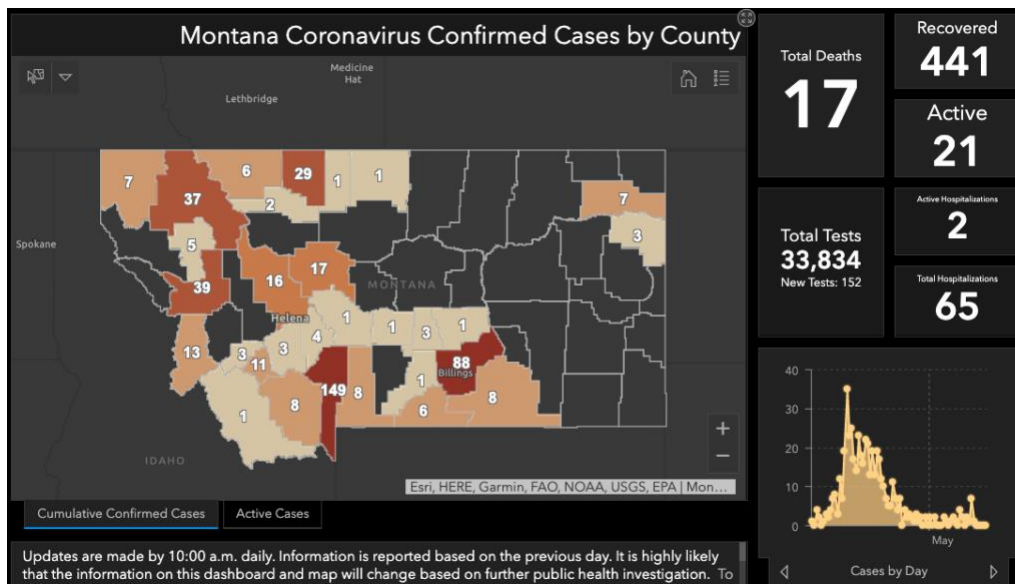
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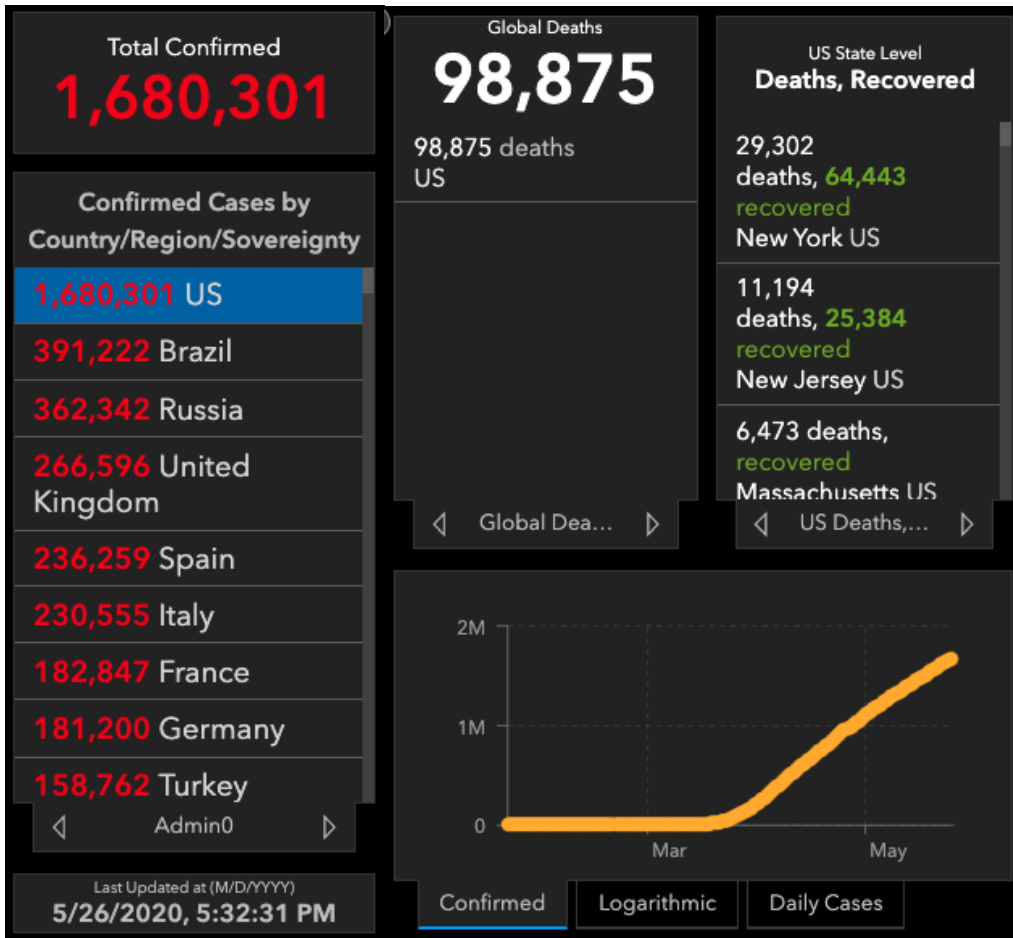
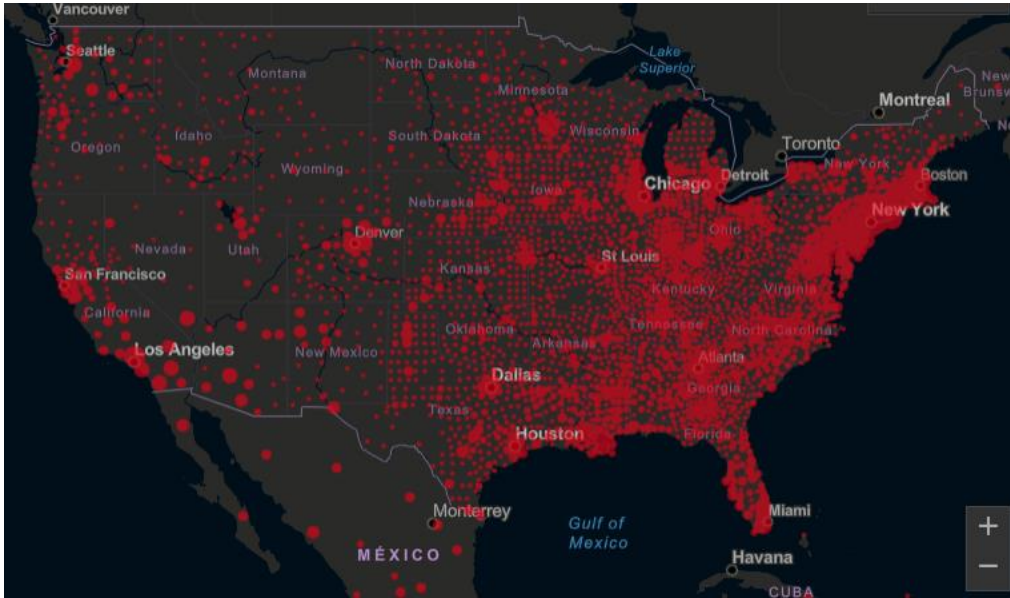
Montana Hospital Association - Situation Report

May 26, 2020

COVID-19

REPORTED CASES	
Montana <i>New in last 72 hours: +0</i> <i>Active Cases: 21 (Last 72hrs: -1)</i> <i>Recovered: 441 (Last 72hrs: +0)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Total: 65 (Last 72hrs: +0)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Active: 2 (Last 72hrs: +-1)</i> <i>Deaths: 17 (Last 72hrs: +1)</i> Source: Montana COVID-19 Dashboard	479
United States <i>New in last 72 hours: 79,364 (+2% per day)</i> Source: Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard	1,680,301
WA	20,181
ID	2,626
WY	850
ND	2,422
SD	4,653





OPERATIONS

Latest COVIDView report released. The CDC Friday released [Key Updates for Week 20, Ending May 16, 2020](#). This CDC report provides a weekly summary and interpretation of key indicators that have been adapted to track the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States.

New info on remdesivir allocation process. ASPR's [new webpage on remdesivir](#) includes information on the remdesivir allocation process and the amount of product distributed to each state, U.S. territory, and certain federal agencies. The remdesivir page is part of ASPR's new section on ASPR-sponsored medical countermeasures under investigation.

New interim guidelines for COVID-19 antibody testing. CDC on Sunday released new [Interim Guidelines for COVID-19 Antibody Testing](#). Data that will inform serologic testing guidance is rapidly evolving. Recommendations on the use of serologic tests to determine protective immunity and infectiousness among persons recently infected with SAR-CoV-2 will be updated as new information becomes available.

CDC releases new resources for pediatricians. CDC's [Information for Pediatric Healthcare Providers](#) (released 5/20) has comprehensive guidance and information on maintaining childhood immunizations during the COVID-19 pandemic, clinical presentation of COVID-19 in children, and multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C).

Newborn babies may be more vulnerable to COVID-19 than older children. CDC's [Evaluation and Management Considerations for Neonates at Risk for COVID-19](#) (released 5/20) provides guidance to support healthcare providers as they care for newborns.

PLANNING

Surge planning tool for healthcare facilities. CDC's [COVID-19Surge](#) is a spreadsheet-based tool that hospital administrators and public health officials can use to estimate the surge in demand for hospital-based services during the COVID-19 pandemic. A user of COVID-19Surge can produce estimates of the number of COVID-19 patients that need to be hospitalized, the number requiring ICU care, and the number requiring ventilator support. The user can then compare those estimates with hospital capacity, using either existing capacity or estimates of expanded capacity.

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

Updated: NIOSH notice of counterfeit respirators. NIOSH Friday updated its webpage on [Counterfeit Respirators/Misrepresentation of NIOSH-Approval](#).

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

HHS extends attestation deadline for emergency funds. HHS Friday [extended the deadline](#) for healthcare providers to attest to receipt of payments from the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund and accept the [terms and conditions](#).

Providers now will have 90 days, increased from 45 days, from the date they receive a payment to attest and accept the terms and conditions or return the funds. For example, the deadline for providers who received payment on April 10 is extended to July 9 from May 24. With the extension, not returning the payment within 90 days of receipt of payment will be viewed as acceptance of the terms and conditions.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act included \$175 billion in the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund to reimburse healthcare providers for healthcare-related expenses or lost revenues not otherwise reimbursed that are attributable to COVID-19.

HHS sends \$500M in COVID-19 relief funds to tribal providers. HHS Friday began distributing [\\$500 million](#) in Public Health and Social Services Emergency Funds allocated to tribal hospitals, clinics and urban programs. Congress created the fund to reimburse healthcare providers for healthcare-related expenses or lost revenues not otherwise reimbursed that are attributable to COVID-19. For more on COVID-19 in tribal areas, visit the [Indian Health Service website](#).

Closing soon: Noncompetitive grant for tribal public health response. CDC has announced a noncompetitive [notice of funding opportunity](#) (NOFO) for Title I and Title V tribal nations affected by COVID-19. The emergency funding opportunity is designed to support tribal public health capacity in COVID-19 preparedness and response. The application deadline is May 31, 2020.

Funds still available for FCC COVID-19 Telehealth Program. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) COVID-19 Telehealth Program will provide \$200 million in funding, appropriated by the CARES Act, to help healthcare providers provide connected care services to patients at their homes or mobile locations in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The FCC last week [announced](#) the approval of the seventh set of telehealth applications. To date, the program has approved funding for 132 healthcare providers in 33 states plus Washington, DC for a total of just over \$50 million in funding.

The application period remains open and funding will be available until exhausted. For more information, visit the [FCC COVID-19 Telehealth Program online application](#).

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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