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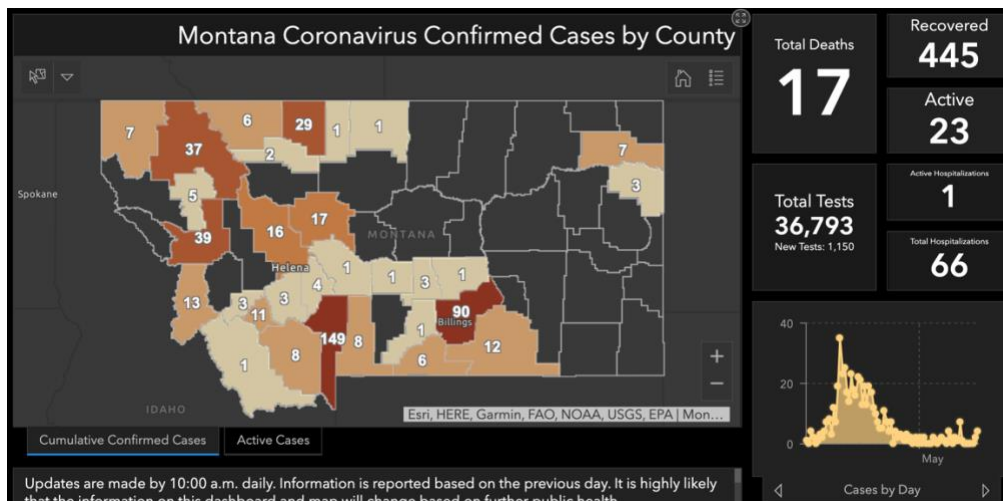


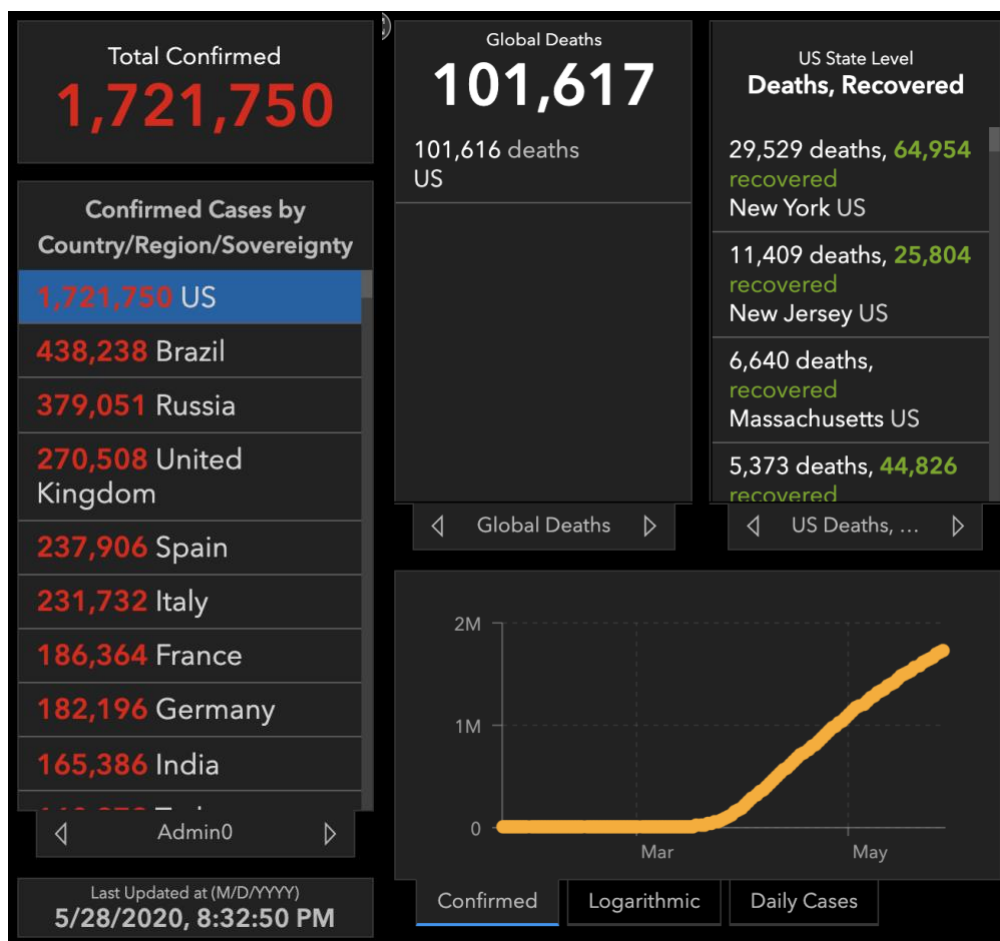
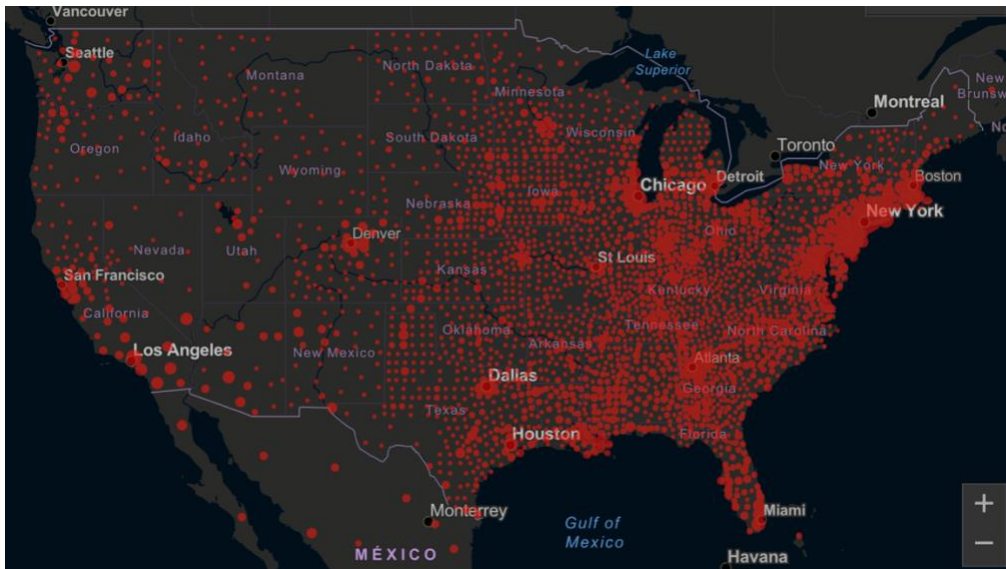
Montana Hospital Association - Situation Report

May 28, 2020

COVID-19

REPORTED CASES	
Montana <i>New in last 24 hours: +4</i> <i>Active Cases: 23 (Last 24hrs: +3)</i> <i>Recovered: 445 (Last 24hrs: +1)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Total: 66 (Last 24hrs: +0)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Active: 1 (Last 24hrs: -1)</i> <i>Deaths: 17 (Last 24hrs: +0)</i> Source: Montana COVID-19 Dashboard	485
United States <i>New in last 24 hours: 22,574 (+1%)</i> Source: Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard	1,721,750
WA	20,764
ID	2,770
WY	876
ND	2,481
SD	4,793





House passes changes to Paycheck Protection Program. In a near unanimous vote, the House of Representatives today passed the Paycheck Flexibility Act ([H.R. 7010](#)) to allow more leeway for small business loans during the COVID-19 crisis. The bipartisan bill extends the loan period to up to 24 weeks through Dec. 31, 2020, as well as the timeframe for repayment (if required). It also changes the parameters for potential loan forgiveness. Most notably, borrowers may use up to 40% of the loan on non-payroll expenses, and the bill provides different scenarios under which borrowers may be eligible for forgiveness even if they are unable to

retain or reinstate the same number of full-time equivalent employees. It also allows PPP loan borrowers who seek forgiveness of the loan to qualify for deferred payment of the employer's portion of certain payroll taxes.

OPERATIONS

CDC expands guidance and recommendations for antibody testing. CDC today released new resources including [Using Antibody Tests for COVID-19](#) and [At-A-Glance Recommendations for Healthcare Professionals](#).

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

FDA reminds healthcare facilities to use proper N95 sterilization processes. The FDA yesterday issued a [reminder](#) to healthcare facilities' reprocessing staffs to follow the agency-outlined decontamination cycle when using the ASP STERRAD Sterilization System to decontaminate N95 or N95-equivalent respirators for reuse via vaporized hydrogen peroxide. FDA April 11 authorized the device's emergency use for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic. To ensure continued safe use of the device, the agency is repeating its sterilization process recommendations, which include material and cycle consideration, as well as agency-developed instructions and a fact sheet.

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 awards \$900K to Montana tribal organizations. HHS today [announced](#) \$15 million in grants to rural tribal communities, including three recipients in Montana. Funds are designated to support the response to COVID-19 in rural tribal communities. Rural Tribal COVID-19 Response program [award recipients](#) include Bighorn Valley Health Center, Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation and the Rocky Boy Health Board.

CMS updates Medicare payments FAQs. CMS yesterday updated the [FAQs](#) to assist Medicare providers. The new material is found on pages: 31-34; 42-46; 57; 70-71. Updates address issues related to payment of COVID-19 testing associated with procedures, telehealth services delivered by RHCs and FQHCs, chronic care management and outpatient therapy services.

SBA issues rule to clarify Paycheck Protection Program loan forgiveness requirements. The SBA today released an [interim final rule](#) to clarify Paycheck Protection Program loan forgiveness requirements, and the agency's process for reviewing PPP loan applications and loan forgiveness applications. Topics include the loan forgiveness process; payroll and non-payroll costs eligible for loan forgiveness; reductions to the loan forgiveness amount; and documentation requirements. Effective immediately, the rule will be published in the June 1 Federal Register with comments accepted for 30 days. In a [second interim final rule](#), the SBA also published information on the agency's process for reviewing PPP loan applications and loan forgiveness applications. The CARES Act created the program to provide forgivable loans to help eligible small businesses keep workers on the payroll during the pandemic.

Federal Reserve to establish Main Street Lending Program. The Federal Reserve has announced that it is establishing a [Main Street Lending Program](#) to support lending to small and medium-sized businesses that were in sound financial condition before the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. The program will operate through three facilities: the Main Street New Loan Facility, the Main Street Priority Loan Facility, and the Main Street Expanded Loan Facility. See the Federal Reserve's [webpage](#) for term sheets for each facility and [FAQs](#) providing more information regarding eligibility and conditions. The Federal Reserve and the Treasury Department continue to evaluate the feasibility of including nonprofits as eligible organizations.

House holds hearing on federal actions to protect workers from COVID-19. The House Education and Labor Committee's Workforce Protections Subcommittee

today held a [hearing](#) examining federal actions to protect workers from COVID-19, which featured witnesses from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

The Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions Act (H.R. 6800), recently passed by the House, included a provision that would require OSHA to promulgate within seven days of enactment an emergency temporary standard to protect healthcare and other employees from occupational exposure to COVID-19.

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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