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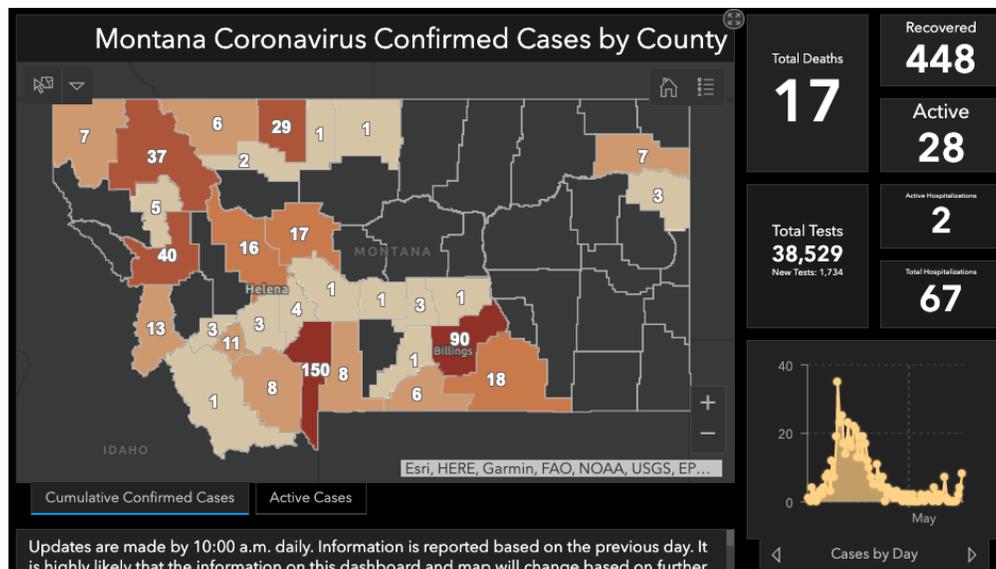
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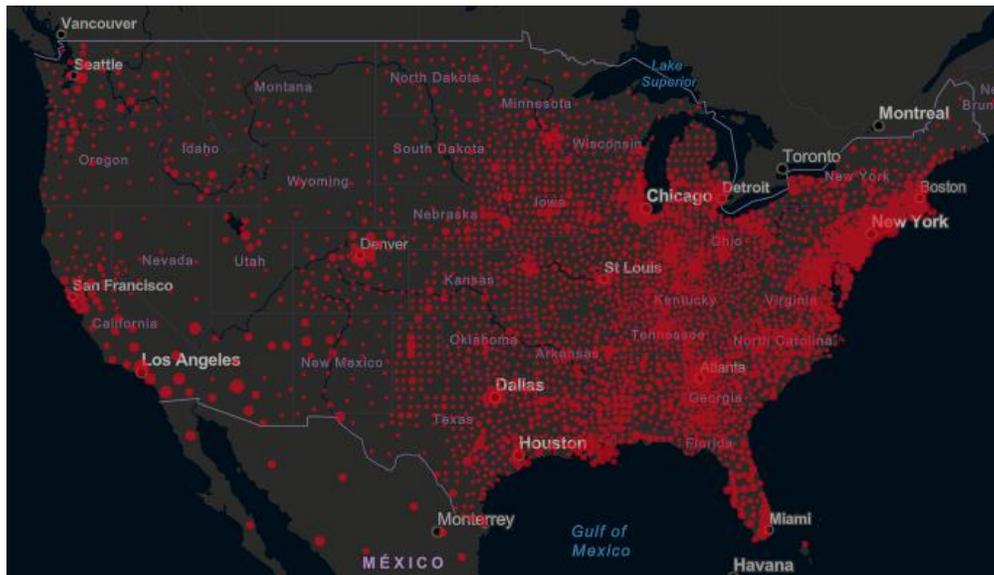
Montana Hospital Association - Situation Report

May 29, 2020

COVID-19

REPORTED CASES	
Montana <i>New in last 24 hours: +8</i> <i>Active Cases: 28 (Last 24hrs: +5)</i> <i>Recovered: 448 (Last 24hrs: +3)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Total: 67 (Last 24hrs: +1)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Active: 2 (Last 24hrs: +1)</i> <i>Deaths: 17 (Last 24hrs: +0)</i> Source: Montana COVID-19 Dashboard	493
United States <i>New in last 24 hours: 18,849 (+1%)</i> Source: Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard	1,740,599
WA	20,764
ID	2,770
WY	891
ND	2,520
SD	4,866





OPERATIONS

HHS releases resources on adjusting operations to manage patient surge. HHS' Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) yesterday released resources focused on establishing, funding and operationalizing medical operations coordination cells and alternative care sites. The agency aims to ensure load-balancing across healthcare facilities and systems during the COVID-19 pandemic. Available resources include a [toolkit, tip sheet and a pair of webinars](#).

HHS tallies remdesivir allocations to states, territories. For three weeks, beginning May 4 and ending May 24, HHS [said](#) it delivered to states, territories and government agencies more than 12,000 cases of 40 vials each of remdesivir to help treat COVID-19 infections. Every state and territory have received at least one shipment, and hospitals are asked to continue inputting data for future allocations. The administration said 80% of the allocated drugs were based on the number of confirmed or suspected COVID-19 cases reported in the TeleTracking platform. Less than 10% of Gilead Sciences Inc.'s original 600,000 vial donation is being held for emerging hotspots, and Gilead said it plans to donate an additional 330,000 vials by the end of June.

Study finds evidence of limited early spread of COVID-19 in U.S. A new CDC [study](#) released today shows community transmission of COVID-19 in the U.S. was occurring in February of this year. Retrospective evidence used syndromic surveillance, virus surveillance, phylogenetic analysis and previously identified cases to suggest that a single case traced from China and several from Europe caused some community transmission earlier than originally thought, the authors said. Looking forward, the authors said enhanced syndromic and virus surveillance is needed for the duration of the pandemic.

PLANNING

Data reporting for remdesivir allocation due June 8. HHS on Monday, June 1 will issue to hospitals another data request in support of the next allocation of remdesivir. The deadline for input of the requested data will be 10:00 p.m. MST on Monday, June 8. Given the limited availability of the treatment, prioritization will be based upon the total number of hospitalized patients with COVID-19, confirmed or suspected, and the total number of ICU patients with COVID-19, confirmed or suspected.

The request will originate from the TeleTracking HHS email (teletracking@hhs.gov) account. All hospitals will receive an email from TeleTracking, regardless of the method by which they submit their routine hospital information (e.g. through NHSN or state reporting).

- In the event that a hospital is already reporting the requested fields on a regular basis, they will receive a short email thanking them for their support and encouraging them to verify the accuracy of their most recent data submission.
- Hospitals that are not currently reporting both fields will receive an email indicating that they are not providing the information required for

remdesivir allocation, and they will be given the opportunity to submit this information through the TeleTracking platform.

- These emails will be further customized to only mention fields that are not currently being submitted by the hospital (for example, if a hospital is reporting total number of COVID-19 patients, but not those specific to the ICU, the email request will only request the ICU COVID patient count).
- Any questions regarding this data request should be directed to: Sam Imbriale (HHS/ASPR) at Samuel.Imbriale@hhs.gov or Nick Robison (US Digital Service) at Nicholas.a.robison@omb.eop.gov.

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

CDC guidance for protecting workers in office buildings. CDC on Wednesday released [guidance](#) for employers on how to create a safe and healthy workplace in an office building and protect workers and clients from COVID-19.

Reference guide on COVID-19 relief funding, loan sources and obligations breakdown. Healthcare consulting firm PYA today released a new guide of the most widely applicable COVID-19 sources of funding for providers to date. The [7-page reference guide](#) condenses tens of thousands of pages of documentation in an effort to help providers more quickly and efficiently navigate the plethora of available options and associated conditions, risks and other considerations. The guide will be updated as additional legislation and updates are made available.

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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