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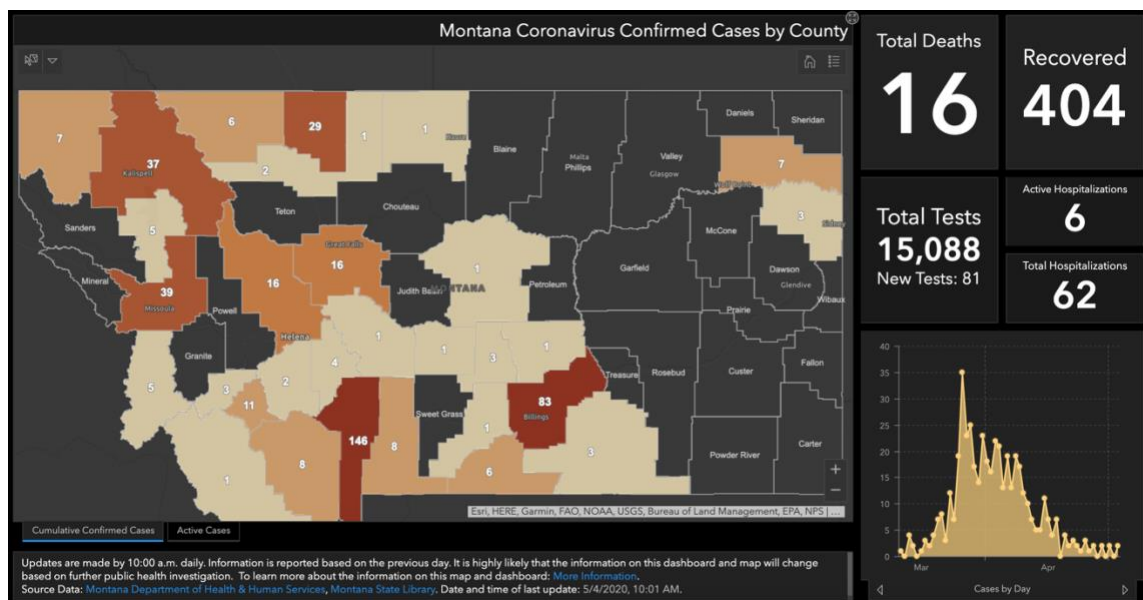
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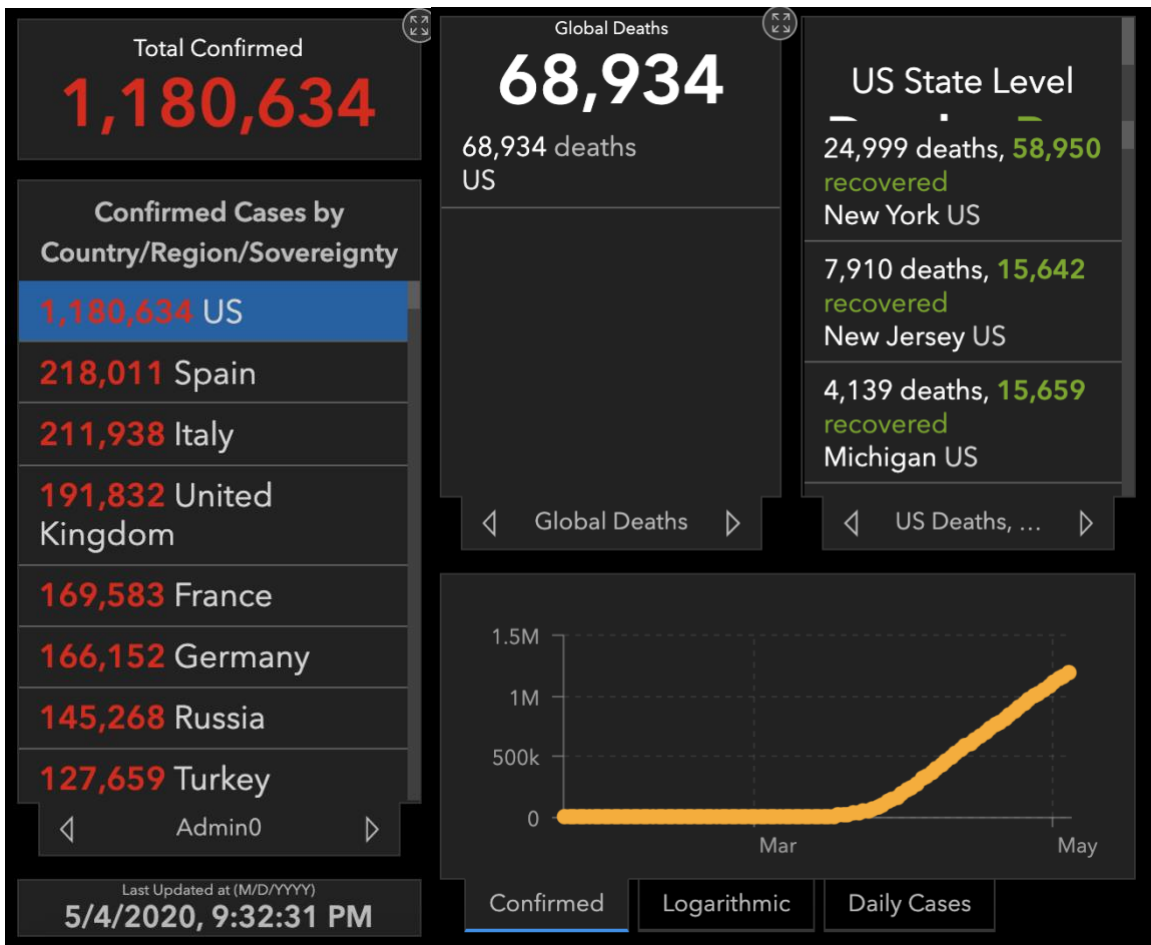
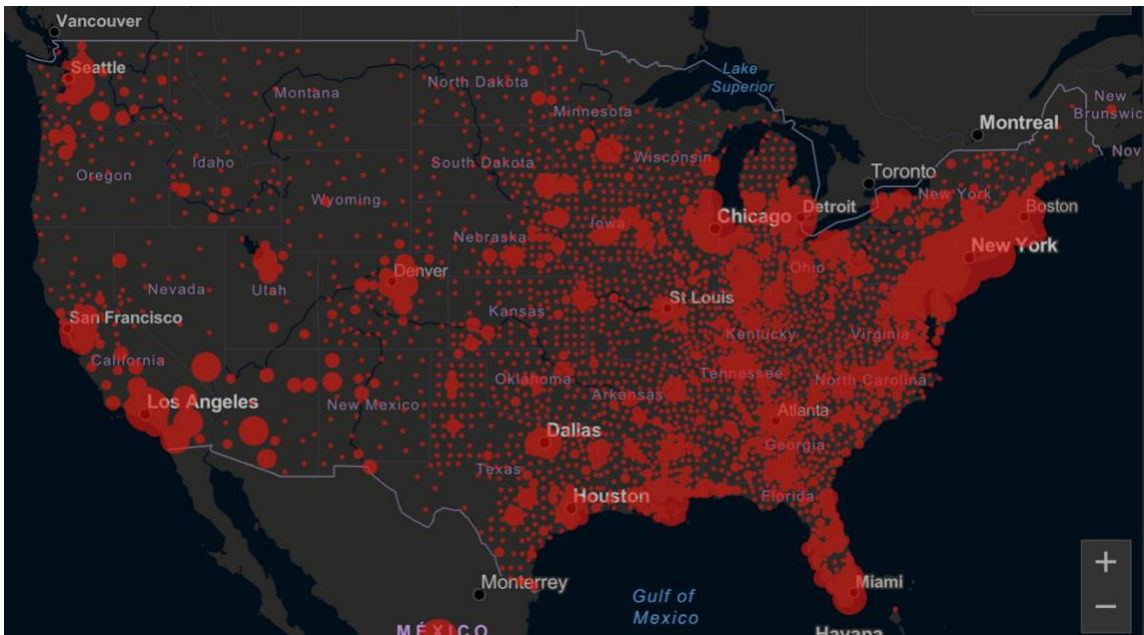
Montana Hospital Association - Situation Report

May 4, 2020

COVID-19

REPORTED CASES	
Montana <i>New in last 24 hours: 2 (+less than 0.5%)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Total: 62 (Last 24hrs: +1)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Active: 6 (Last 24hrs: +1)</i> <i>Recovered: 404 (Last 24hrs: +0)</i> <i>Deaths: 16 (Last 24hrs: +0)</i> Source: Montana COVID-19 Dashboard	457
United States <i>New in last 24 hours: 22,593 (+2%)</i> Source: Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard	1,180,634
WA	15,462
ID	2,106
WY	596
ND	1,225
SD	2,668





OPERATIONS

FDA tightens reins on antibody testing. The FDA Monday [said](#) it is adopting more stringent standards for COVID-19 antibody tests. The agency will boost oversight through new standards of accuracy and require antibody test manufacturers to submit new information proving the testing quality. FDA said it also will require manufacturers to apply for emergency use authorization within 10 business days

of their products' release, with distribution suspended if the test cannot meet the agency's specificity and sensitivity criteria.

CDC sets preliminary standards for digital COVID-19 contact tracing tools. The CDC last week issued [preliminary guidance](#) for the development of forthcoming contact tracing apps that can help slow the spread of COVID-19. The guidance defines minimum and preferred characteristics of digital contact tracing tools "to help health departments overcome one or more obstacles in the COVID-19 contact tracing workflow." CDC said it based this resource on preliminary research and targeted discussions with contact tracing and informatics experts across county, state and federal government and other stakeholders in the areas of case management and proximity tracking.

NIH to study COVID-19 infection rate in U.S. children. The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, part of the National Institutes of Health, is enrolling 2,000 U.S. families in a study to help determine the COVID-19 infection rate in U.S. children and their family members, and the share of infected children who develop symptoms. The families will participate in the [study](#) remotely by mailing nasal swab samples for laboratory analysis and completing online questionnaires.

PLANNING

Continue daily reporting of available resources and response data. Organizations reporting to the following systems are considered to be fully reporting resource data in response to the COVID-19 PHE.

- [Juvare/EMResource](#): Continue to report bed availability and ventilator capacity by 8:00 a.m. daily.
- [PPE Survey Tool](#): PPE data will be reported to a [new PPE Survey Tool](#) instead of EMResource.
- [COVID-19 Patient Survey Tool](#): Used to collect hospitalization data, and only to be used at the direction of DPHHS officials following acquisition of confirmed COVID-19 patient.

LOGISTICS

FEMA fact sheet on PPE shipments to nursing homes. FEMA Saturday released a [fact sheet](#) with more information about the PPE shipments to nursing homes that were announced on April 30, 2020.

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

SBA clarifies public hospitals' eligibility for Paycheck Protection Program. The U.S. Small Business Administration Monday issued [additional guidance](#) clarifying certain provisions implementing the Paycheck Protection Program, including whether public hospitals are eligible for a PPP loan. This program makes loan opportunities of up to \$10 million available for organizations with fewer than 500 total employees or who meet other criteria. These loans may be forgiven if at least 75% of the loan is used for payroll costs, among other terms.

According to the guidance, "Section 1102 of the CARES Act defines the term 'nonprofit organization' as 'an organization that is described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and that is exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of such Code.' The Administrator, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, understands that nonprofit hospitals exempt from taxation under section 115 of the Internal Revenue Code are unique in that many such hospitals may meet the description set forth in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code to qualify for tax exemption under section 501(a), but have not sought to be recognized by the IRS as such because they are otherwise fully tax-exempt under a different provision of the Internal Revenue Code.

"Accordingly, the Administrator will treat a nonprofit hospital exempt from taxation under section 115 of the Internal Revenue Code as meeting the definition of 'nonprofit organization' under section 1102 of the CARES Act if the hospital reasonably determines, in a written record maintained by the hospital, that it is an organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is therefore within a category of organization that is exempt from taxation under section 501(a). The hospital's certification of eligibility on the Borrower Application Form cannot be made without this determination."

Section 115 is related to tax exemption of governmental organizations.

HHS announces funding to mitigate COVID-19's impact on vulnerable communities. HHS' Office of Minority Health May 1 [announced](#) it will provide funding to help deliver important COVID-19-related information to racial and ethnic minority, rural and socially vulnerable communities hardest hit by the pandemic. The funding opportunity will provide up to \$40 million for the development and coordination of a strategic network of national, state, territorial, tribal and local organizations. The information network will work with community-based organizations to strengthen efforts that link communities to COVID-19 testing, healthcare and social services and to best share and implement

effective response, recovery and resilience strategies. Applications are due by 6 p.m. ET on Monday, May 11.

FAQs on assistance for tribal governments. FEMA Friday released FAQs about [assistance for tribal governments](#) in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

DHS, CISA update telework guidance. The Department of Homeland Security and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency have updated their [telework guidance](#) to include new guidance on telework best practices, videoconferencing tips, guidance for securing videoconferencing, and specific cybersecurity recommendations for critical infrastructure and federal agencies using video conferencing.

OIG updates FAQs. The Office of Inspector General Monday [updated FAQs](#) about its administrative enforcement of arrangements connected to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

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](#)

REV. 4/24/20: [Summary of Funding Opportunities for Hospitals](#) (MHA)

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)

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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