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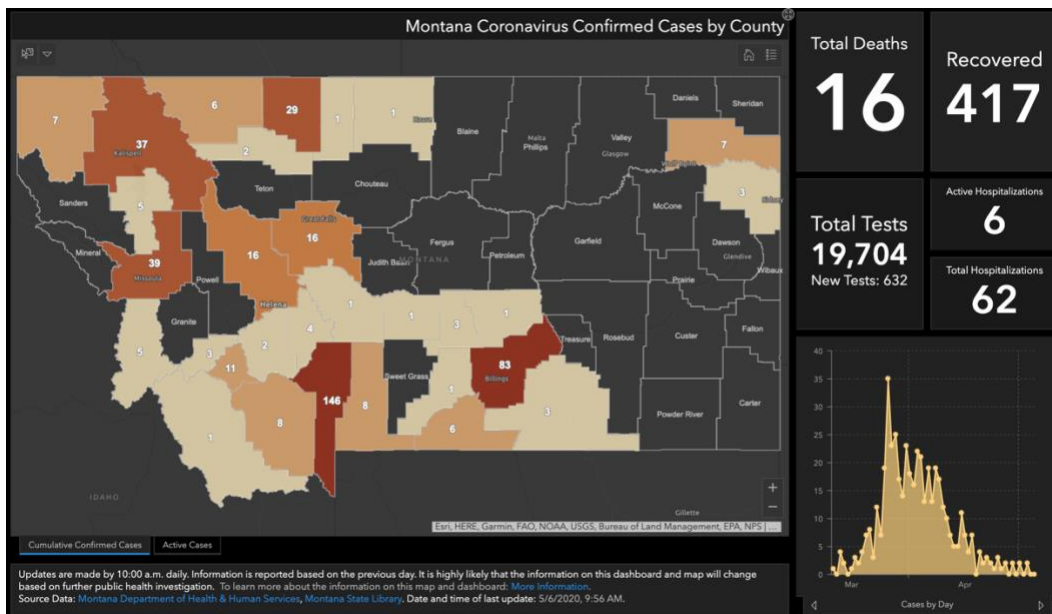
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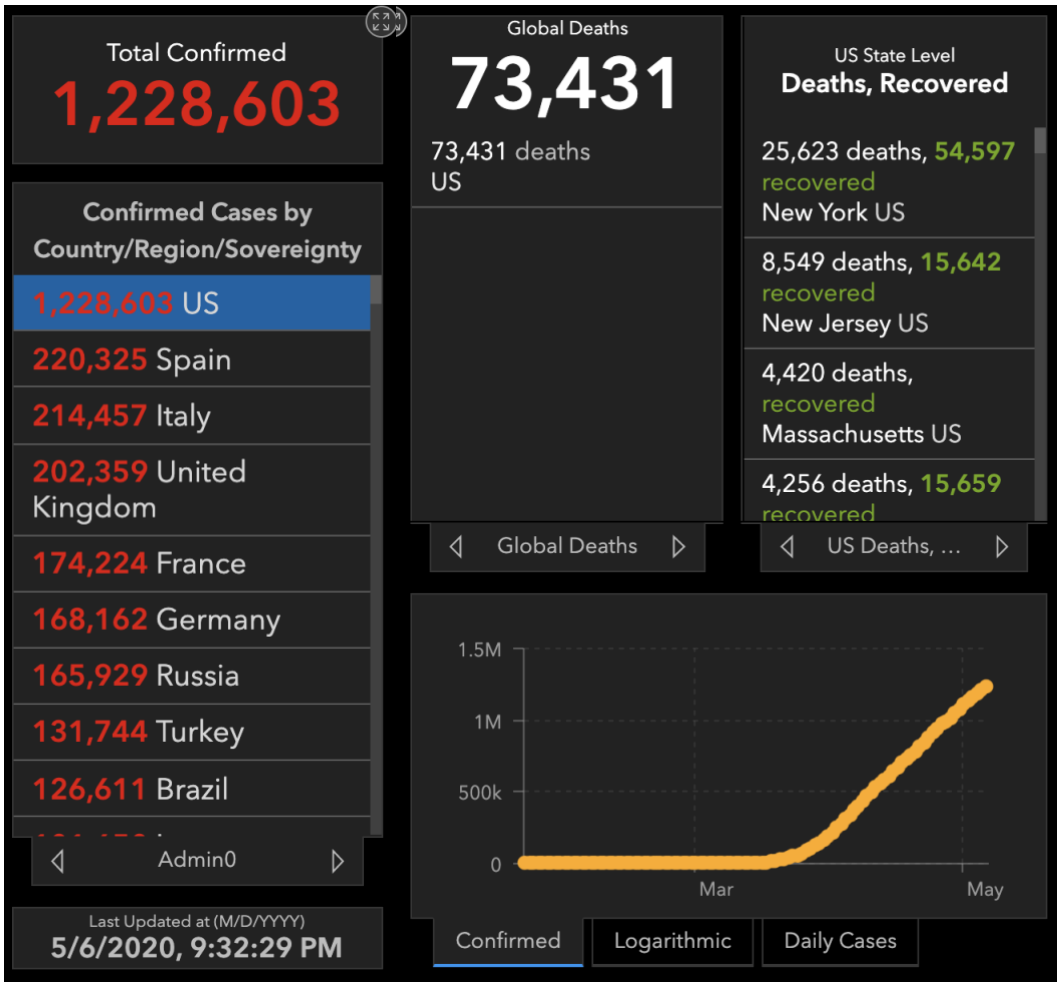
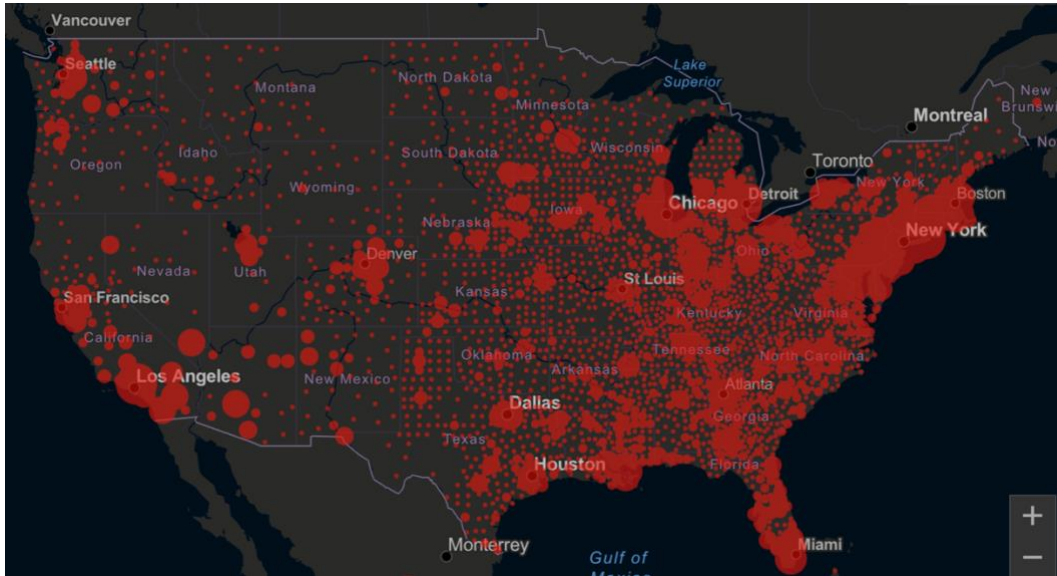
## Montana Hospital Association - Situation Report

May 6, 2020

# COVID-19

REPORTED CASES	
<b>Montana</b> <i>New in last 24 hours: +0</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Total: 62 (Last 24hrs: +0)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Active: 6 (Last 24hrs: +0)</i> <i>Recovered: 417 (Last 24hrs: +7)</i> <i>Deaths: 16 (Last 24hrs: +0)</i> Source: <a href="#">Montana COVID-19 Dashboard</a>	<b>456</b>
<b>United States</b> <i>New in last 24 hours: 24,252 (+2%)</i> Source: <a href="#">Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard</a>	<b>1,228,603</b>
<b>WA</b>	<b>15,905</b>
<b>ID</b>	<b>2,127</b>
<b>WY</b>	<b>631</b>
<b>ND</b>	<b>1,323</b>
<b>SD</b>	<b>2,780</b>





## OPERATIONS

**CMS updates reporting requirements in nursing homes.** CMS today issued a [memo](#) on the interim final rule updating requirements for notification of confirmed and suspected COVID-19 cases in nursing homes. Among the updates:

- **COVID-19 Reporting Requirements:** CMS is requiring nursing homes to report COVID-19 facility data to the CDC and to residents, their representatives, and families of residents in facilities. Facilities must submit their first set of data by 11:59 p.m. Sunday, May 17, 2020. To be compliant with the new requirement, facilities must submit the data through the NHSN reporting system at least once every seven days.
- **Enforcement:** Failure to report can result in an enforcement action.
- **Updated Survey Tools:** CMS has updated the COVID-19 Focused Survey for Nursing Homes, Entrance Conference Worksheet, COVID-19 Focused Survey Protocol, and Summary of the COVID-19 Focused Survey for Nursing Homes to reflect COVID-19 reporting requirements.
- **Transparency:** CMS will begin posting data from the CDC National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) for viewing by facilities, stakeholders, or the general public.

**New resource on serologic tests and surveillance strategy for COVID-19.** The CDC recently launched a [webpage](#) to provide information about an agency-developed serologic test to detect SARS-CoV-2 antibodies. CDC says its test has a specificity of greater than 99% and a sensitivity of 96% based on initial tests. The test is not currently designed for individual use. Rather, CDC plans to use its antibody testing as part of a broad [surveillance effort](#) to better understand how much of the U.S. population has been infected with SARS-CoV-2 and how the virus is spreading through the population over time. CDC is also collaborating with other government agencies to evaluate commercially developed serology assays. More information about these studies can be found on the Federal Laboratory Consortium for Technology Transfer [webpage](#).

## PLANNING

**Ongoing data reporting.** Continue daily reporting of available resources and response data, including:

- **Juvarre/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

**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

**Distribution of Coronavirus Relief Fund to Native American tribes.** Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt issued a [joint statement](#) regarding the distribution of the Coronavirus Relief Fund (\$8 billion made available in the CARES Act) to Native American tribes.

- Population Allocation: 60 percent of the \$8 billion will be distributed based on Census population data used in the distribution of the Indian Housing Block Grant, subject to a floor of \$100,000. These payments will begin on May 5.
- Employment Allocation: 40 percent of the \$8 billion will be distributed based on the total number of persons employed by the Indian tribe and any tribally-owned entity, and further data to be collected on coronavirus-related expenses. These payments will be made at a later date (not specified).

## 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. New additions today include:

- Clinical Care/Reopening Folder: AHA Pathways Toolkit
- PPE Folder: Optimizing PPE, HCP Preparedness Checklist, N95 Respirator User Initial Questionnaire
- Workforce: Caring for Our Healthcare Heroes During COVID-19

**HHS hospital-specific COVID-19 questions:** [HospitalCOVID19@hhs.gov](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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)

REV. 5/3/20: [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)

REV. 4/30/20: [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)

REV. 5/3/20: [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)

**REV. 4/30/20:** [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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