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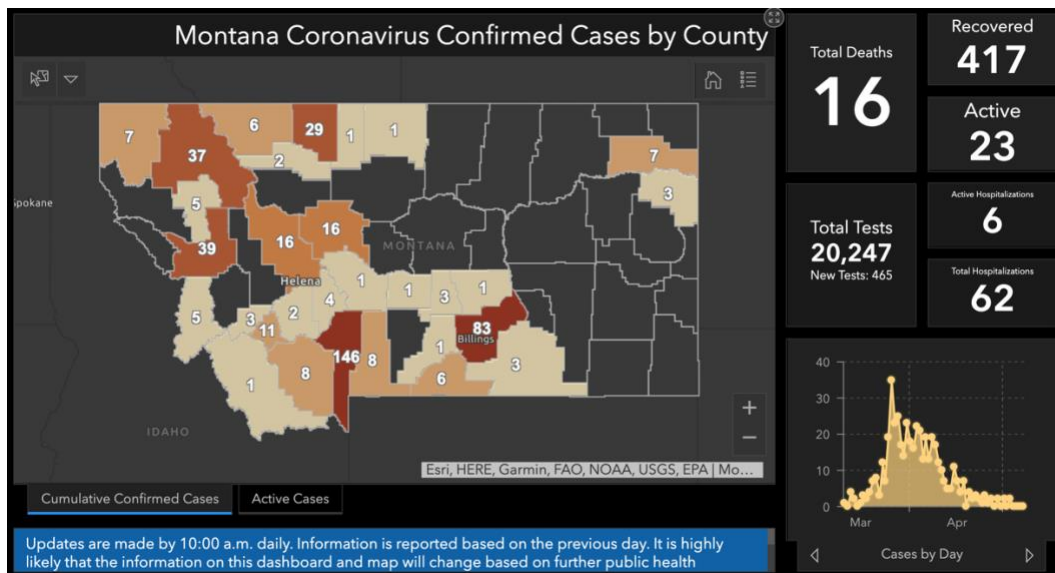
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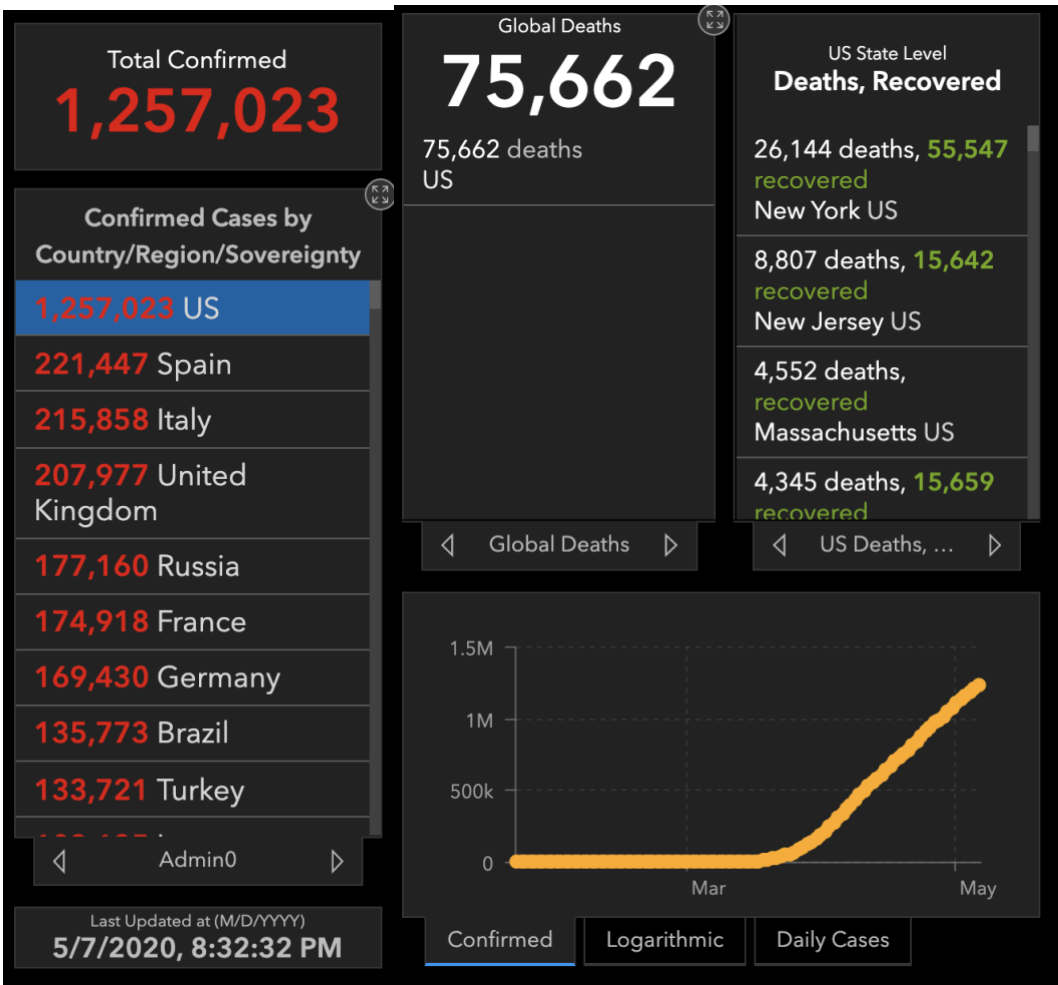
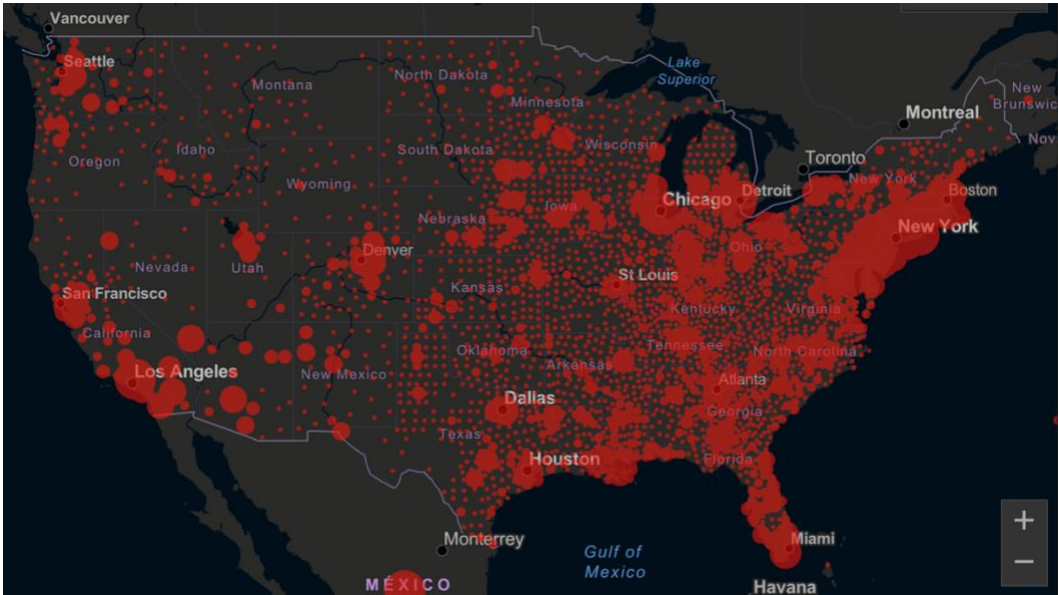
Montana Hospital Association - Situation Report

May 7, 2020

## COVID-19

REPORTED CASES	
<b>Montana</b> <i>New in last 24 hours: +0</i> <i>Active Cases: 23</i> <i>Recovered: 417 (Last 24hrs: +0)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Total: 62 (Last 24hrs: +0)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Active: 6 (Last 24hrs: +0)</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: 28,420 (+2%)</i> Source: <a href="#">Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard</a>	<b>1,257,023</b>
<b>WA</b>	<b>16,231</b>
<b>ID</b>	<b>2,178</b>
<b>WY</b>	<b>635</b>
<b>ND</b>	<b>1,371</b>
<b>SD</b>	<b>2,906</b>





## OPERATIONS

**COVID-19 Workforce Virtual Toolkit: Resources for Healthcare Decision-Makers Responding to COVID-19 Workforce Concerns.** This collection provides a curated set of resources and [tools for decision-makers](#) managing healthcare workforce challenges in response to the COVID-19 emergency.

**CDC COVID-19 webinar series for long-term care staff.** The CDC has launched a new webinar training series for front line long-term care and nursing home staff. This series of five short webinars reviews basic infection prevention steps including: [proper use of PPE](#) and facemasks, how and when to perform [hand hygiene](#), how and when to [clean surfaces](#), and the need to [check residents and staff](#) daily for symptoms of COVID-19.

**Nursing home operation guidance and resources.** The Federal Healthcare Resilience Task Force (HRTF) released [Nursing Home Concepts of Operations for Infection Prevention and Control](#). This Concept of Operations (ConOps) document provides an overview of recommendations and resources for nursing homes that can help reduce the impact of COVID-19 on residents and staff.

Additionally, personal protective equipment (PPE) is being shipped to more than 15,000 nursing homes across the nation. Under the direction of the White House Coronavirus Task Force, FEMA will coordinate two [PPE shipments to nursing homes](#) totaling a 14-day supply of PPE.

**HHS awards funds to expand COVID-19 testing.** The Health Resources and Services Administration awarded nearly \$583 million to 1,385 HRSA-funded health centers in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and eight U.S. territories to expand COVID-19 testing. View the recipients and allocation of funds to [Montana health centers](#).

## PLANNING

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

- [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

**Battelle hosting Q&A webinar Friday, May 8 at 11 a.m.** The webinar will provide information and answer questions on the no-cost N95 mask decontamination service being provided by Battelle on behalf of FEMA and HHS in Montana. Join via [WebEx Meeting](#) or dial-in: +1 844 712 3247 (US Toll Free) or +1 602 585 0123 (US Toll).

Meeting number (access code): 595 596 908

Meeting password: nKZAw8Chv33

**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

**Hospital OPPS: New coronavirus specimen collection code.** To identify and pay for specimen collection for COVID-19 testing, CMS established a new Level II HCPCS code for billing Medicare under the Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS). The new code, C9803, Hospital outpatient clinic visit specimen collection for severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (sars-cov-2) (coronavirus disease [covid-19]), any specimen source, is effective for services provided on or after March 1, 2020. OPPS claims received on or after May 1, 2020, with Coronavirus Specimen Collection HCPCS Codes G2023 and G2024 will be returned to you with edit W7062. Resubmit returned claims as a packaged service to include Code C9803, when appropriate.

**HHS extends deadline for attestation, acceptance of terms and conditions for Provider Relief Fund payments.** HHS today announced it is [extending the deadline](#) for healthcare providers to attest to receipt of payments from the Provider Relief Fund and accept the [Terms and Conditions](#). Providers will now have 45 days, increased from 30 days, from the date they receive a payment to attest and accept the Terms and Conditions or return the funds.

As an example, the initial 30-day deadline for providers who received payment on April 10, 2020, is extended to May 24 from May 9, 2020. With the extension, not returning the payment within 45 days of receipt of payment will be viewed as acceptance of the Terms and Conditions.

Recipients of payments from any of these allocations must attest and accept the Terms and Conditions within 45 days. Among the allocations:

- HHS is distributing \$50 billion across the healthcare system to providers and facilities that bill Medicare.
- Recognizing the financial strain from COVID-19 inpatient admissions, HHS is distributing \$12 billion to hospitals that reported at least 100 COVID-19 inpatient admissions through April 10 to HHS.
- HHS is distributing \$10 billion to rural hospitals and clinics.
- HHS is distributing \$400 million to tribal healthcare providers.
- HHS is using a portion of the Provider Relief Fund to reimburse healthcare providers, at Medicare rates, for COVID-related treatment of the uninsured.
- HHS is working to provide relief to additional healthcare providers including skilled nursing facilities, dentists, and other providers significantly impacted by COVID-19.

**HHS updates FAQs related to CARES Act emergency funds.** HHS today released [updated FAQs](#) related to payments from the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund. Among other areas, the updated FAQs specify that HHS generally does not intend to recoup any funds, or so-called "overpayments" as long as a provider's lost revenue and increased expenses exceed the amount of funding received; discuss the definition of individuals with possible or actual cases of COVID-19; and cover the terms and conditions of the fund, including oversight and enforcement mechanisms HHS will use, balance billing, reporting requirements and rejecting payments. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security 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.

## 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/Discharge: PT Education for the New Normal, COVID-19 Checklist for Discharging Patients Checklist, COVID-19 Precaution Handout, Contract of Responsibility

**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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