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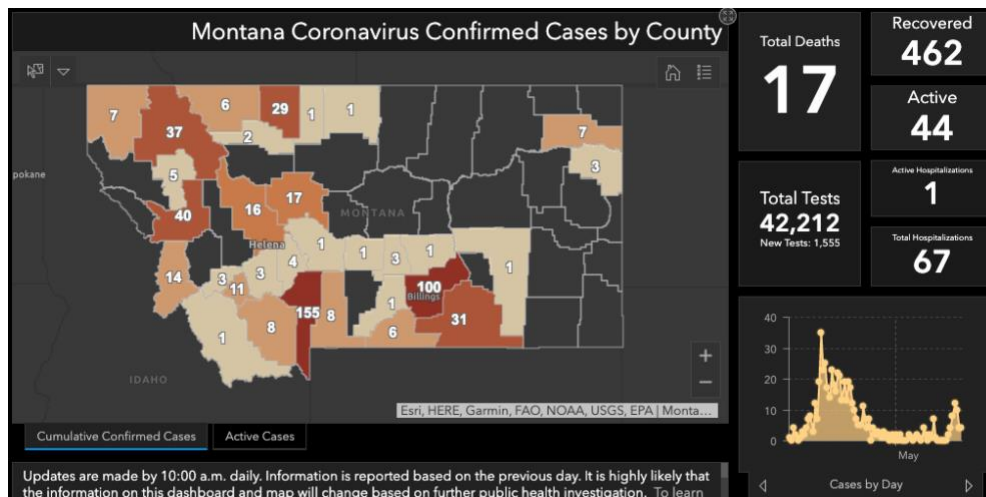
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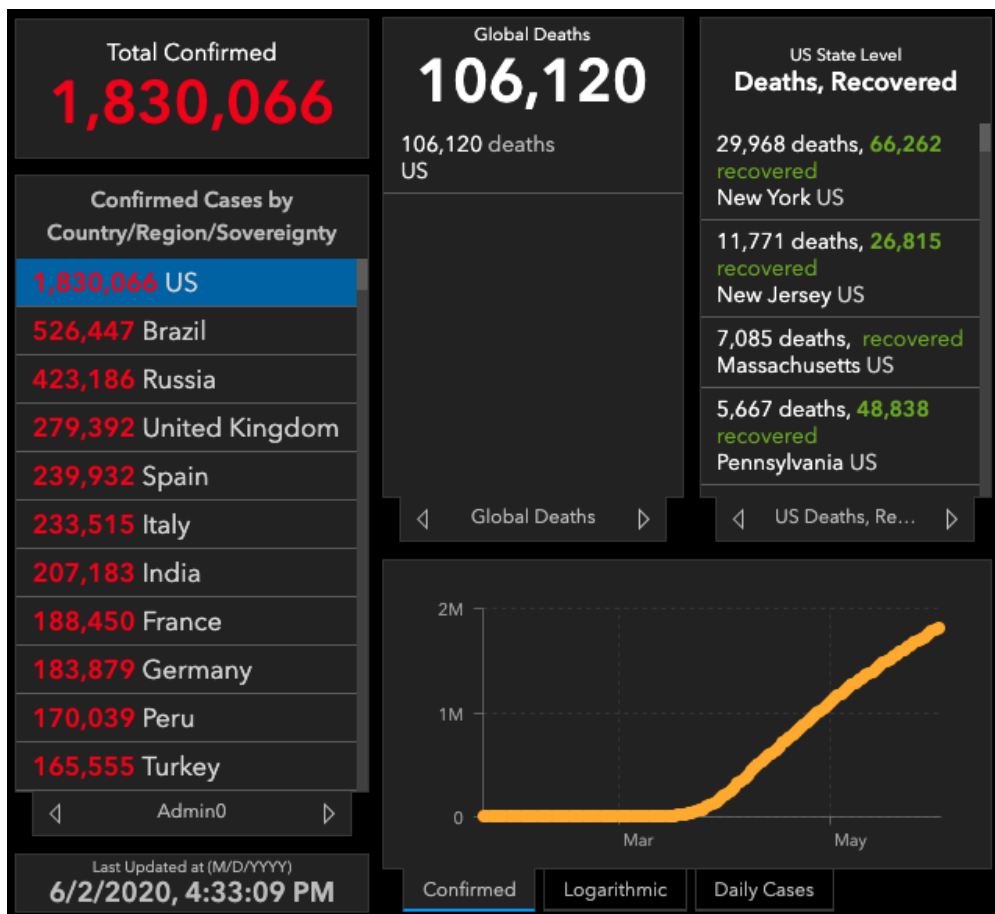
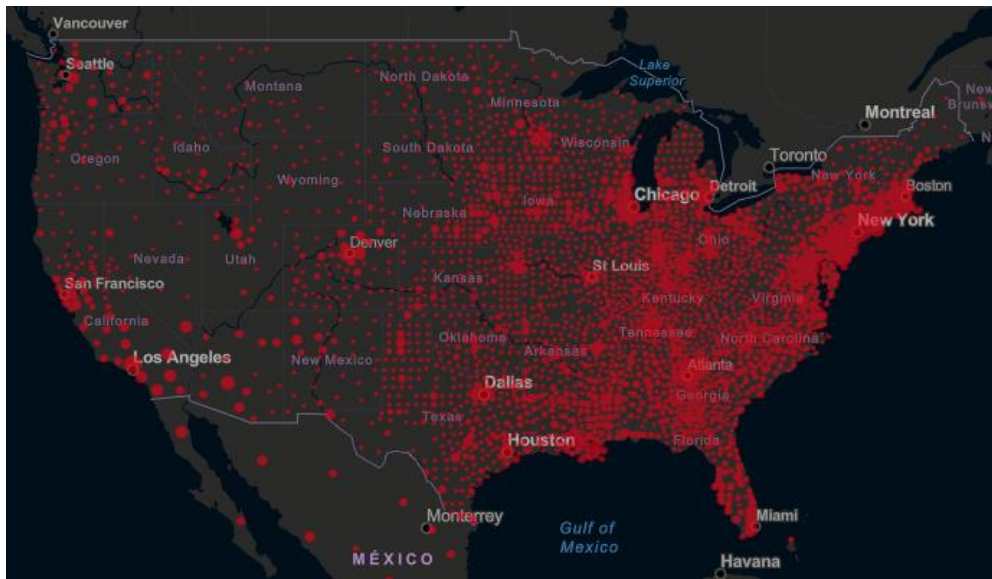
Montana Hospital Association - Situation Report

June 2, 2020

COVID-19

REPORTED CASES	
Montana <i>New in last 24 hours: +4 (+less than 1%)</i> <i>Active Cases: 44 (Last 24hrs: +2)</i> <i>Recovered: 462 (Last 24hrs: +6)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Total: 67 (Last 24hrs: +0)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Active: 1 (Last 24hrs: -1)</i> <i>Deaths: 17 (Last 24hrs: +0)</i> Source: Montana COVID-19 Dashboard	523
United States <i>New in last 24 hours: 25,661(+1%)</i> Source: Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard	1,830,066
WA	22,157
ID	2,906
WY	912
ND	2,646
SD	5,067





Congressional outlook for the week. The United States Senate is poised to pass legislation this week to provide more flexibility in the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) and Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL), an original co-author of the first PPP bill, have now both endorsed the [Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act](#), which overwhelmingly passed the House last week by a 417-1 vote. Meanwhile, the House is holding several coronavirus-related hearings this week, but does not have any votes scheduled on coronavirus legislation.

OPERATIONS

CDC updates COVID-19 webpage to clarify types of spread. The CDC updated its [webpage](#) on COVID-19 transmission to clarify other types of spread beyond person to person, such as by someone touching a surface that has the virus on it and then touching their own face. CDC notes that some people without symptoms may be able to spread the virus and that it is still learning how the virus spreads and the severity of illness it causes. The update is in response to media reports that suggested a change in CDC's view on transmissibility. The web update is intended to make the CDC's content easier to read and not a result of any new science.

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 updates policy to spur hand sanitizer availability. The FDA yesterday [updated guidance](#) to spur wider availability of alcohol-based hand sanitizers during the COVID-19 pandemic. The agency's temporary guidance clarifies interim levels of certain impurities that can be present in the ethanol used to produce alcohol-based hand sanitizer products during the public health emergency. The FDA encourages consumers, manufacturers or distributors to email their questions regarding hand sanitizers to COVID-19-Hand-Sanitizers@fda.hhs.gov or review the agency's [hand sanitizer FAQs](#).

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](#).

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

CMS announces new actions regarding nursing home infection control. CMS yesterday implemented several [new infection control actions](#) to combat COVID-19 in nursing homes. One action addresses the inconsistent rate of nursing home inspections mandated by CMS on March 4, which currently range from 11% to 100% across the states. Specifically, state survey agencies that fail to inspect all nursing homes by July 31 will be required to submit a corrective action plan or have their federal funds under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act redistributed to compliant states.

Another action expands penalties for nursing home deficiencies, which range from directed plans of correction to civil monetary penalties, with more significant actions for nursing homes with a history of past deficiencies or that cause actual harm or immediate jeopardy to residents. The agency also is deploying additional technical assistance resources to nursing homes, which will focus on the approximately 3,000 low-performing nursing homes with a history of infection control challenges.

COMMUNICATIONS

New social media toolkit: Safe. Open. Ready. MHA today released a new toolkit to encourage Montanans to get the medical care they need now and reassure communities that their hospitals and healthcare providers are safe, open and ready to care for them. View, download and tailor the [Safe. Open. Ready Social Media Toolkit](#) for your facility.

New resource for understanding COVID-19 treatments. The FDA this week issued a [Consumer Update](#), Understanding the Regulatory Terminology of Potential Preventions and Treatments for COVID-19.

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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