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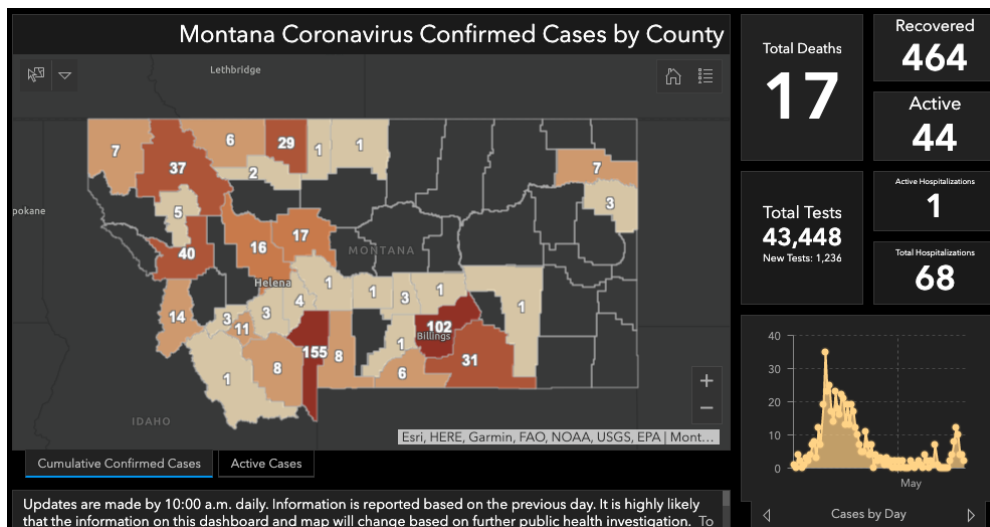
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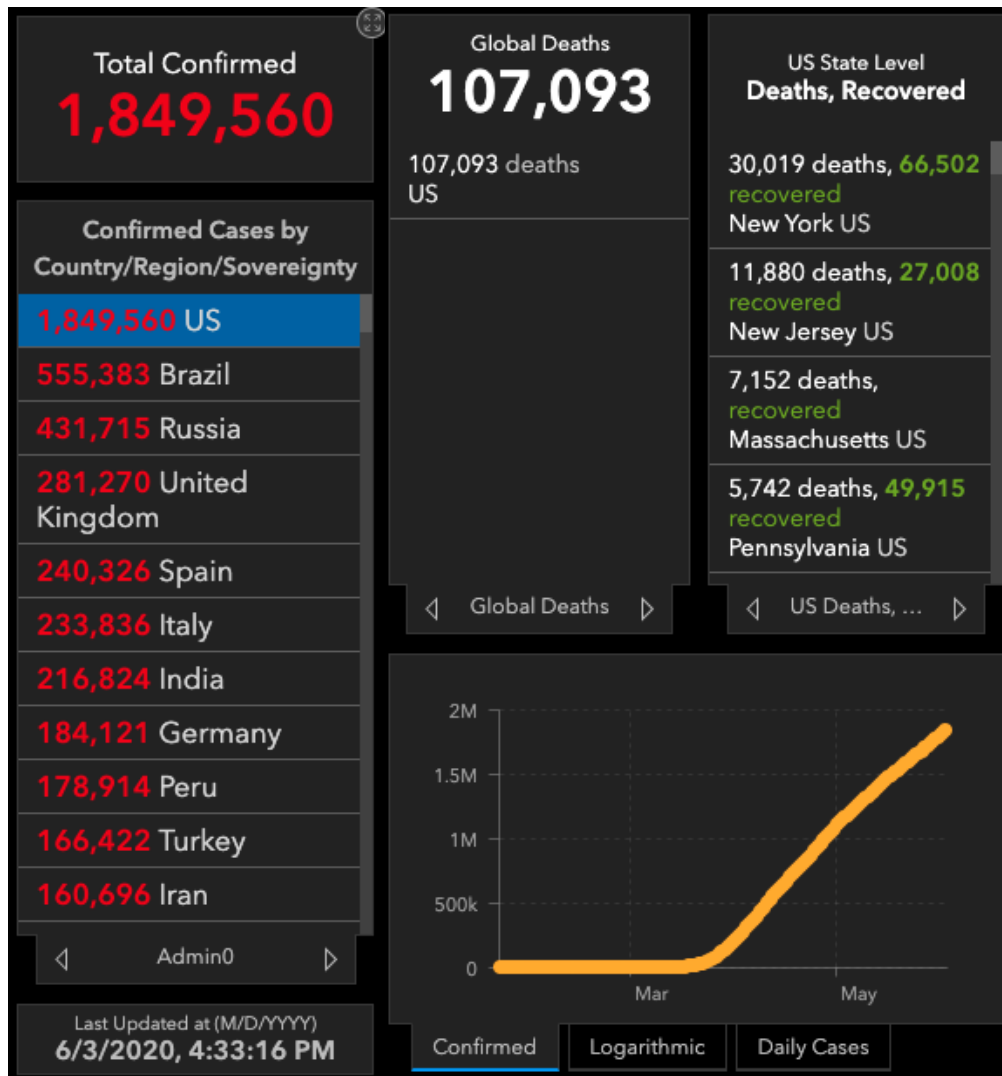
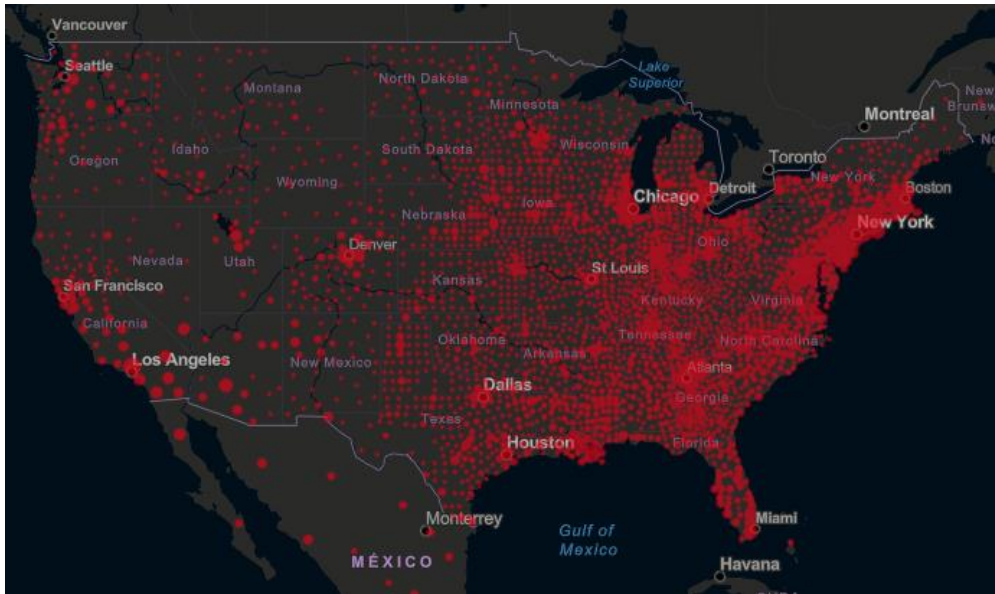
Montana Hospital Association - Situation Report

June 3, 2020

COVID-19

REPORTED CASES	
Montana <i>New in last 24 hours: +2 (+less than .5%)</i> <i>Active Cases: 44 (Last 24hrs: +0)</i> <i>Recovered: 464 (Last 24hrs: +2)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Total: 67 (Last 24hrs: +1)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Active: 1 (Last 24hrs: +0)</i> <i>Deaths: 17 (Last 24hrs: +0)</i> Source: Montana COVID-19 Dashboard	525
United States <i>New in last 24 hours: 19,494 (+1%)</i> Source: Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard	1,849,560
WA	22,484
ID	2,933
WY	915
ND	2,679
SD	5,162





Additional \$250 million released for health systems' COVID-19 response. HHS yesterday [announced](#) it is providing an additional \$250 million to aid health systems' response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The funding, which was authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, adds to the

\$100 million initially disbursed in April by the HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR).

Of the \$250 million in CARES Act funding being provided, \$125 million will be distributed through cooperative agreements with hospital associations in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and New York City. The other \$125 million will be distributed through the Hospital Preparedness Program's cooperative agreements with 62 state and local public health departments. The agency said the funds will support hospitals' and other healthcare entities' efforts to train workforce, expand telemedicine and the use of virtual healthcare, procure supplies and equipment, and coordinate effectively across regional, state and local healthcare facilities to respond to COVID-19.

MHA has received its second distribution of funds. In April, ASPR awarded \$411,135 to MHA to help reimburse Montana hospitals for some of their COVID-related expenditures. This [second tranche](#) of funding is larger, bringing the total so far awarded to the hospital association to \$1.4 million. No details have yet been provided on scope, limitations, timeline, or objectives for this award. MHA expects to gain more information from ASPR by mid-June.

OPERATIONS

CDC: ED visits down 42% in April. U.S. hospital emergency department visits declined by an estimated 42% between March 29 and April 25 compared to a year ago, while visits for infectious disease screening or exposure were nearly four times higher, according to a [report](#) released today by the CDC. Overall ED visits declined to a weekly average of 1.2 million from 2.1 million the same period last year, based on data from hospitals in 47 states representing 73% of ED visits.

NASA earns emergency authorization for second ventilator; Fitbit-designed offering also approved. The FDA Monday [authorized](#) the emergency use of two new products designed to respond to the COVID-19 ventilator shortage. FDA approved the NASA's second VITAL ventilator. Like NASA's first iteration of the device, VITAL is designed to last three-to-four months using components sourced from outside the current medical device supply chain. Unlike NASA's first ventilator, VITAL uses an internal compressor as its energy source, rather than wall gas.

Meanwhile, the Fitbit Flow earned an FDA emergency use authorization as an emergency resuscitator. The Fitbit Flow is a continuous respiratory support system that includes an FDA-cleared, Ambu-designed manual resuscitator bag with audible and visual alarms. By pairing the actuator with a manual resuscitator, health care professionals can use the device to support patients' respiratory needs when no FDA-cleared clinical ventilators are available.

FDA launches COVID-19 webpage for health professionals. The FDA recently created an online [compendium page](#) of COVID-19 resources for healthcare professionals. FDA has indicated it will regularly update the page, which provides useful information on several issues, including emergency use authorizations, personal protective equipment and medical products, including investigational drugs and fraudulent devices.

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

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

CMMI issues summary of COVID-19-related adjustments for alternative payment models. The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) today [announced](#) several COVID-19-related modifications to current and future CMMI alternative payment models. The adjustments are captured in a [summary table](#) and are related to the models' financial methodologies, quality reporting requirements and timelines.

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.

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@mha.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)

[Montana Reopening the Big Sky Phased Approach Plan](#) (State of MT)

[CDC What's New](#) (CDC)

Updated 5/29: [CDC Key Updates for Past Week](#) (CDC)

EMS

[EMS Infectious Disease Playbook](#) (ASPR/TRACIE)

[Montana EMS Guidance](#) (DPHHS)

NEW 6/3: [EMS & Pre-Hospital Resource Collection](#) (ASPR/TRACIE)

NEW 6/3: [EMS Crisis Standards of Care Strategies and Resources](#) (Healthcare Resilience Task Force)

NEW 6/3: [Guidance for Preventing Disease Spread during Transport of Patients at High Risk for COVID-19 Illness](#) (Healthcare Resilience Task Force)

NEW 6/3: [Best Practices for COVID-19 Call Screening and Modified Response](#) (Healthcare Resilience Task Force)

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)

NEW 6/3: [New Flexibilities for RHCs and FQHCs During Pandemic](#) (CMS)

NEW 6/3: [Catalogue of Government Agency Guidance and Response to COVID-19](#) (Wynne Health Group)

CLINICAL OPERATIONS

[March 24 Memo to Montana Healthcare Providers on COVID-19 Testing](#) (DPHHS)

Updated 5/3: [Evaluating and Testing Persons for COVID-19](#) (CDC)

Updated 5/28: [Antibody Testing At-A-Glance Recommendations for Healthcare Professionals](#) (CDC)

Updated 6/2: [COVID-19 Testing FAQs](#) (FDA)

Reviewed 5/12: [Framework for Providing Non-COVID-19 Clinical Care During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#) (CDC)

Updated 5/22: [Guidelines for Collecting, Handling and Testing Clinical Specimens](#) (CDC)

[March 26 Diagnostic Testing Update re: Swabs](#) (FDA)

Updated 6/3: [Clinical Guidance for Management of Patients with Confirmed COVID-19](#) (CDC)

Reviewed 5/14: [COVID-19 and Underlying Medical Conditions](#) (CDC)

Updated 6/2: FAQs: [Higher Risk Persons](#) & [Underlying Conditions](#) (CDC)

Reviewed 5/2: [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)

[NIH COVID-19 Treatment Guidelines](#) (NIH)

[Strategies for Elastomeric Respirator use During Surge Situations](#) (CDC)

Reviewed 5/23: [CDC Serology Testing for COVID-19 Antibodies](#) (CDC)

Updated 5/29: [Information for Pediatric Healthcare Providers During COVID-19 Emergency](#) (CDC)

Reviewed 5/20: [Evaluation and Management Considerations for Neonates At Risk for COVID-19](#) (CDC)

Updated 6/3: [COVID-19 Behavioral Health Resources](#) (ASPR)

[Medical Operations Toolkit to Manage Patient Surge](#) (HHS)

Reviewed 6/1: [Remdesivir Allocation and Distribution Information](#) (ASPR)

[Safely Transporting COVID-19 Materials Quick Reference Page](#) (USDOT)

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)

NEW 6/3: [Nursing Home Infection Prevention and Control Resources](#) (Healthcare Resilience Task Force)

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 \(CMS\)](#)

[Chart: COVID-19 Federal Telehealth Flexibilities \(Wynne Health Group\)](#)

NEW 6/3: [Telehealth Resources for Behavioral Health Clinicians during COVID-19 \(SAMHSA\)](#)

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 \(CDC\)](#)

[2009 Article: Extending the Use and/or Reusing Respiratory Protection During Disasters \(APIC\)](#)

[Temporary Enforcement Guidance – Healthcare Respiratory Protection \(OSHA\)](#)

[PPE Supply Equivalents & Price Guide \(AHRMM\)](#)

[PPE Burn Rate Calculator \(CDC\)](#)

Updated 6/3: [PPE Emergency Use Authorizations \(FDA\)](#)

[Decontamination and Reuse of Filtering Facepiece Respirators \(CDC\)](#)

Updated 5/28: [FAQs on Shortages of Surgical Masks and Gowns During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#) (FDA)

Updated 5/24: [NIOSH Information on Counterfeit Respirators](#) (CDC)

WORKFORCE PROTECTION & SUPPORT

Updated 5/29: [Management of Healthcare Personnel with Potential Exposure to Patients with COVID-19](#) (CDC)

[Criteria for Return to Work for Healthcare Personnel](#) (CDC)

[January 2019 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](#)

Updated 6/3: [Toolkit for Healthcare Decision-Makers Responding to COVID-19 Workforce Concerns](#) (HHS)

Updated 5/27: [Guidance for Protecting Workers in Office Buildings](#) (CDC)

NEW 6/3: [Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19](#) (OSHA)

COMMUNITY MITIGATION STRATEGIES

[Mitigation Strategies for Communities with Local COVID-19 Transmission](#) (CDC)

[Tips to Keep Children Healthy While School's Out](#) (CDC)

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Updated 6/2: [CARES Act Provider Relief Fund FAQs](#) (HHS)

Updated 6/2: [Medicare Fee-for-Service Billing COVID-19 FAQs](#) (CMS)

[Medicare Payment Fact Sheet for COVID-19 Diagnostic Tests](#) (CMS)

NEW 6/1: [Provider Relief Fund Distribution Terms and Conditions and Submission Portals](#) (HHS)

NEW 5/29: [COVID-19 Relief Funding, Loan Sources, and Obligations Reference Guide](#) (PYA)

Updated 5/27: [Main Street Lending Program FAQs](#) (Federal Reserve)

NEW 5/20: [Sources of Financial Support for Healthcare Providers During COVID-19 Pandemic](#) (Jones Day)

NEW 5/20: [Waiver for Swing Beds as Hospital Service Article](#) (CMS)

[Paycheck Protection Program Loan Forgiveness Application & Instructions](#) (SBA)

PLANNING

NEW 6/3: [COVID-19 Surge Demand Planning Tool](#) (CDC)

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