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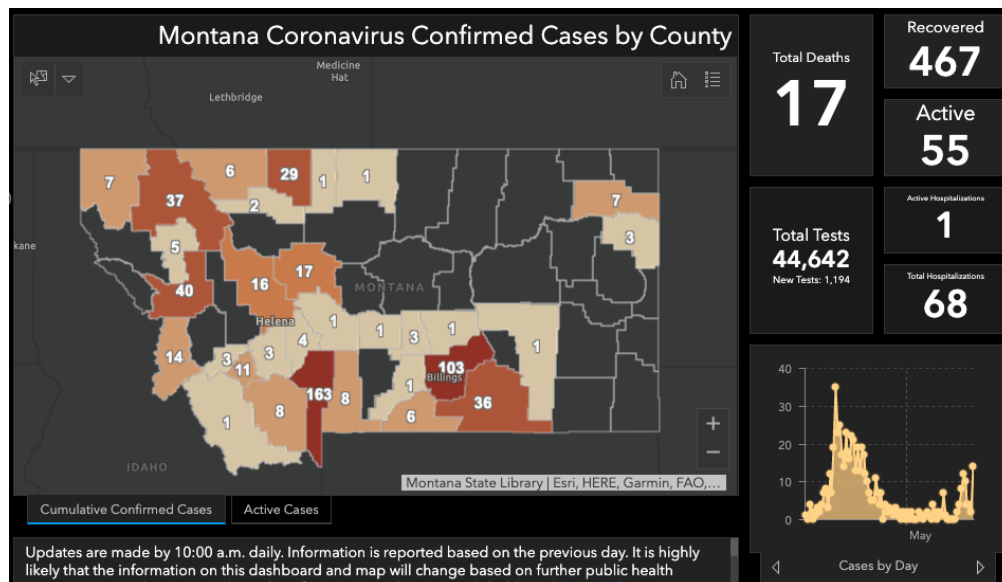


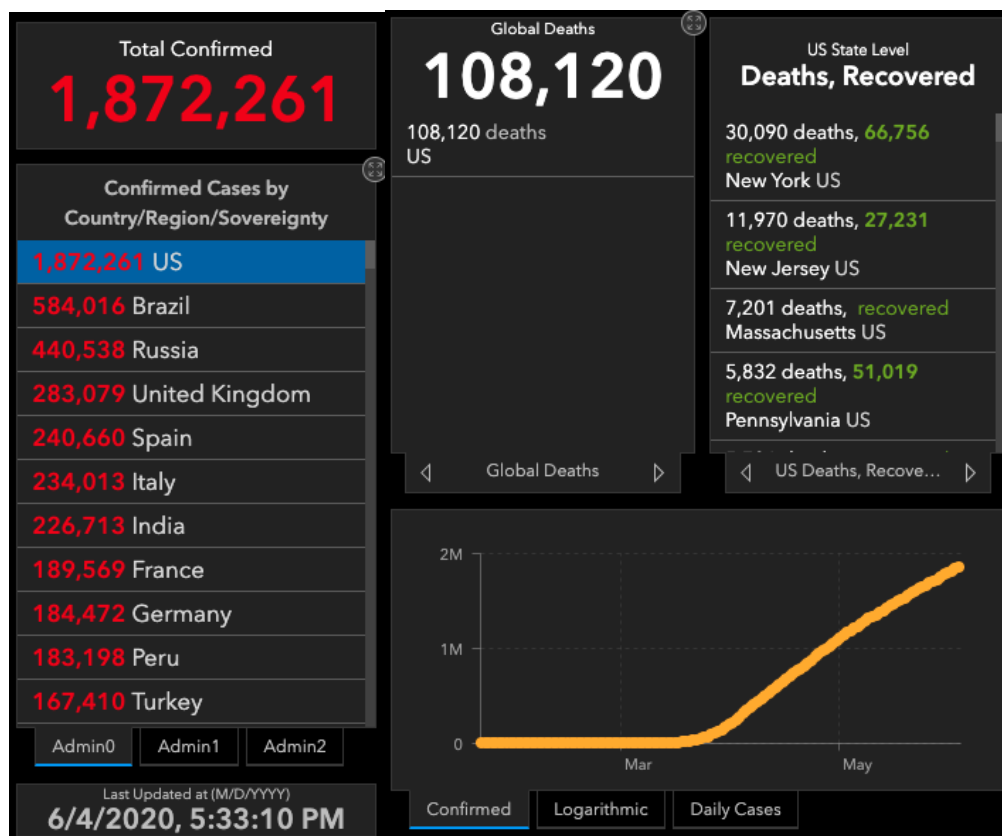
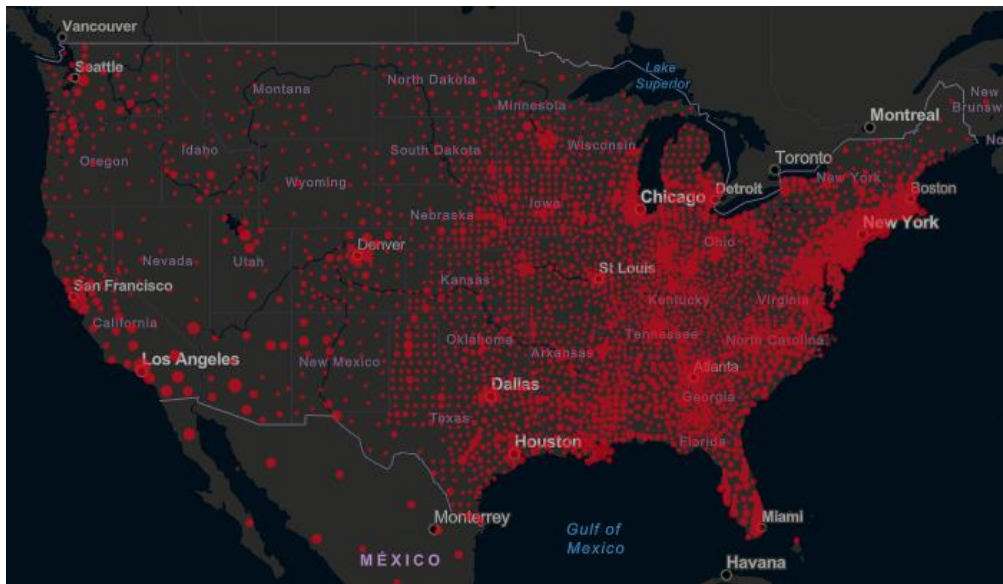
## Montana Hospital Association - Situation Report

June 4, 2020

# COVID-19

REPORTED CASES	
<b>Montana</b> <i>New in last 24 hours: +14 (+3%)</i> <i>Active Cases: 55 (Last 24hrs: +11)</i> <i>Recovered: 467 (Last 24hrs: +3)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Total: 68 (Last 24hrs: +0)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Active: 1 (Last 24hrs: +0)</i> <i>Deaths: 17 (Last 24hrs: +0)</i> Source: <a href="#">Montana COVID-19 Dashboard</a>	<b>539</b>
<b>United States</b> <i>New in last 24 hours: 22,701 (+1%)</i> Source: <a href="#">Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard</a>	<b>1,872,261</b>
<b>WA</b>	<b>22,729</b>
<b>ID</b>	<b>2,990</b>
<b>WY</b>	<b>921</b>
<b>ND</b>	<b>2,706</b>
<b>SD</b>	<b>5,162</b>





**Congress Passes Bill Easing Paycheck Protection Program Restrictions.** The Senate yesterday approved by unanimous consent the AHA-supported Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act of 2020 ([H.R. 7010](#)) to allow more leeway for small business loans during the COVID-19 crisis. The House passed the bill last week, and President Trump is expected to sign it.

The Paycheck Protection Program was established by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to provide loans to small businesses primarily to help keep their workers on the payroll. The legislation approved by the Senate yesterday extends the loan period to up to 24 weeks through Dec. 31, 2020, as

well as the timeframe for repayment, if required. It also changes the parameters for potential loan forgiveness.

In addition, the legislation allows borrowers to use up to 40% of the loan on non-payroll expenses, and it provides different scenarios under which borrowers may be eligible for forgiveness, even if they are unable to retain or reinstate the same number of full-time equivalent employees. It also allows PPP loan borrowers who seek forgiveness of the loan to qualify for deferred payment of the employer's portion of certain payroll taxes.

## OPERATIONS

**HHS issues guidance on COVID-19 laboratory data reporting.** HHS today released [guidance](#) specifying what data laboratories must report to HHS along with their COVID-19 test results, the method for submission, and the data reporting and transmission requirements. HHS will require all laboratories to report results for each test completed within 24 hours of results for each individual tested. The CARES Act requires laboratories that test for COVID-19 or the SARS-CoV-2 virus to report the results to HHS.

According to the guidance, laboratories generally should send the data to state or local public health departments using existing reporting channels to ensure case investigations begin rapidly. "The requirement to include demographic data like race, ethnicity, age, and sex will enable us to ensure that all groups have equitable access to testing, and allow us to accurately determine the burden of infection on vulnerable groups," said Assistant Secretary for Health Brett Giroir, M.D. "With these data we will be able to improve decision-making and better prevent or mitigate further illnesses among Americans."

**Study estimates impact of various social distancing scenarios.** Social distancing interventions started earlier in the COVID-19 epidemic appear to delay the epidemic curve while interventions started later appear to flatten it, according to a [new study](#) published in the CDC's Emerging Infectious Diseases Journal. The authors used a mathematical model to estimate the proportion of COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths averted in the first 100 days of the epidemic in a mid-sized city under social distancing scenarios involving four groups: adults age 60 and over; children and adults age 60 and over; all adults; and all children and adults.

"Surprisingly, cases, and hence hospitalizations and deaths, can be reduced by 90% during the first 100 days if all groups reduce their contacts with others, even when adults do so by only 25%," they said. "...Our simulations suggest that even in the more optimistic scenario in which all age groups reduce their contact rates

>85%, the epidemic is set to rebound once the social distancing interventions are lifted."

Noting that sustaining social distancing interventions over several months might not be feasible economically and socially, the authors said their models suggest that "a combination of social distancing interventions, testing, isolation, and contact tracing of new cases is needed to suppress transmission of SARS-CoV-2."

**CDC releases state-level forecasts for COVID-19 deaths.** [State-level forecasts](#) show observed and forecasted state-level cumulative COVID-19 deaths in the US. Each state forecast uses a different scale, due to differences in the numbers of COVID-19 deaths occurring in each state. Montana is projected to experience a slight increase in COVID-19 deaths, according to the average of multiple models.

## 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](#).

## 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](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](#)

[Summary of Funding Opportunities for Hospitals](#) (MHA)

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

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

[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 \(DPHHS\)](#)

[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 \(FDA\)](#)

[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 \(CDC\)](#)

[COVID-19 and Underlying Medical Conditions \(CDC\)](#)

**Updated 6/2:** 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)

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

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

[CDC Serology Testing for COVID-19 Antibodies](#) (CDC)

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

[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)

[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)

[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)

[Sources of Financial Support for Healthcare Providers During COVID-19 Pandemic](#) (Jones Day)

[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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