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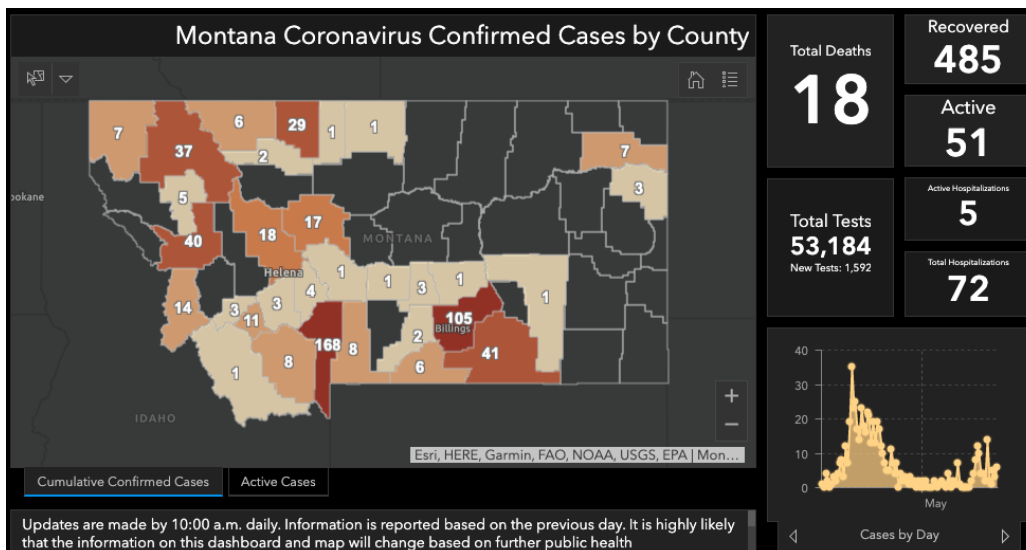
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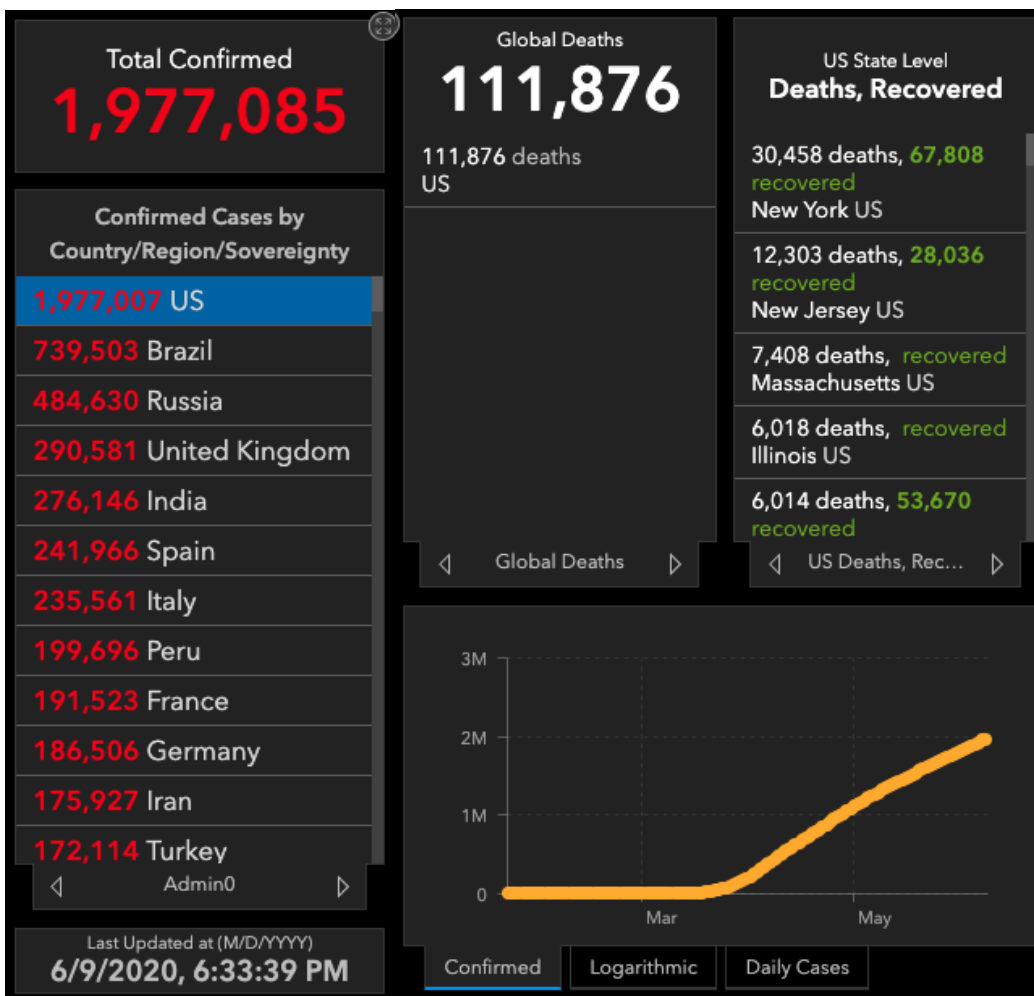
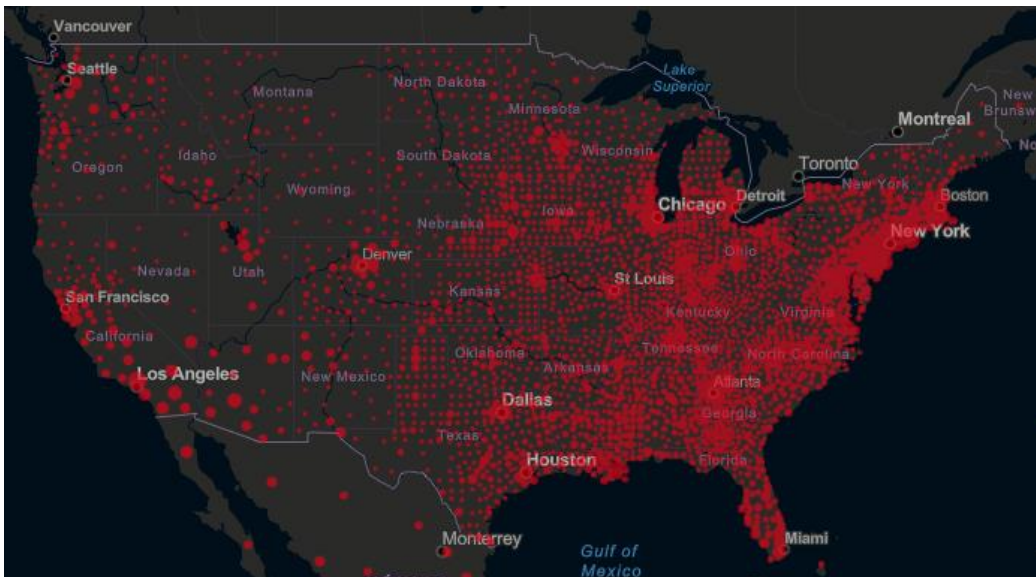
## Montana Hospital Association - Situation Report

June 9, 2020

# COVID-19

REPORTED CASES	
<b>Montana</b> <i>New in last 24 hours: +6 (+1%)</i> <i>Active Cases: 51 (Last 24hrs: -4)</i> <i>Recovered: 485 (Last 24hrs: +10)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Total: 72 (Last 24hrs: +3)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Active: 5 (Last 24hrs: +3)</i> <i>Deaths: 18 (Last 24hrs: +0)</i> Source: <a href="#">Montana COVID-19 Dashboard</a>	<b>554</b>
<b>United States</b> <i>New in last 24 hours: 20,558 (+1%)</i> Source: <a href="#">Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard</a>	<b>1,977,085</b>
<b>WA</b>	<b>24,354</b>
<b>ID</b>	<b>3,189</b>
<b>WY</b>	<b>970</b>
<b>ND</b>	<b>2,901</b>
<b>SD</b>	<b>5,523</b>





**Additional \$25B in Provider Relief Fund Payments to Medicaid/CHIP Providers, Safety Net Hospitals.** The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced today an additional distribution of \$25 billion from the COVID-19 Provider Relief Fund, aimed at safety net hospitals and Medicaid and CHIP providers. Details on the distributions follow (see: Finance & Administration Section).

The following table provides a breakdown of the announced Provider Relief Fund disbursements to date:

Relief Fund Distribution (amount)	Provider Recipients
First General Allocation (\$30 billion)	All Medicare-billing providers
Second General Allocation (\$20 billion)	All Medicare-billing providers
High Impact Allocation (\$12 billion)	Hospitals with at least 100 COVID-19-related admissions
Rural Allocation (\$10 billion)	Rural acute general hospitals, CAHs, RHCs, and rural CHCs
Nursing Homes (\$4.9 billion)	SNFs
Indian Health Service Support (\$500 million)	Tribal hospitals, clinics, and urban health centers
Safety Net (\$25 billion)	Medicaid and CHIP Providers, Safety Net Hospitals

HHS has dispersed or announced disbursement of approximately \$102 billion of the total \$175 billion appropriated to the Provider Relief Fund. This leaves approximately \$73 billion for subsequent funding tranches. Along those lines, HHS stated it is developing a forthcoming targeted distribution to dentists. HHS is also requesting COVID-related admissions data from hospitals to begin developing a second round of funding for hospitals in to-be-determined “hotspot” areas. HHS requests this data from hospitals by June 15, 2020 (see: Finance & Administration Section).

## OPERATIONS

**CMS encourages reopening of healthcare facilities.** CMS today released a [guide for patients](#) considering in-person, non-emergency treatment as the country continues to reopen and COVID-19 cases decline. "Those needing operations, vaccinations, procedures, preventive care, or evaluation for chronic conditions should feel confident seeking in-person care when recommended by their provider," [said](#) CMS Administrator Seema Verma. The agency also released a [summary](#) of its previous recommendations for providers reopening facilities to non-emergency care.

## 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 NIOSH-approved 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

**HHS announces distribution of funds to hospitals serving high numbers of Medicaid and uninsured patients.** HHS today [announced](#) that it will distribute \$10 billion from the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund to hospitals that serve a disproportionate number of Medicaid patients or provide large amounts of uncompensated care. The Department identified eligible hospitals as those with:

- A Medicare Disproportionate Payment Percentage of 20.2% or greater;
- Average uncompensated care per bed of \$25,000 or more. For example, a hospital with 100 beds would need to provide \$2.5 million in uncompensated care in a year to meet this requirement; and
- Profitability of 3% or less, as reported to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services in the most recently filed cost report.

Eligible hospitals this week will receive a minimum distribution of \$5 million and a maximum distribution of \$50 million. This payment is being sent via direct deposit.

**HHS to distribute \$15 billion to Medicaid and CHIP providers.** HHS is launching an “enhanced Provider Relief Fund Payment Portal” that will now allow Medicaid and CHIP providers to report their annual patient revenues. These amounts will in turn determine how much money providers receive from this next tranche of funding. HHS states this funding will be made available to the 38 percent of all Medicaid and CHIP providers that did not receive funding from the initial General

Distribution out of the Provider Relief Fund. HHS anticipates payment to each provider will equal approximately 2 percent of reported gross revenue from patient care, totaling to an expected \$15 billion in funding across all eligible providers.

Providers will be eligible to receive this next wave of funding if they did not receive payment from the previous \$50 billion General Distribution and if they have directly billed their state Medicaid and CHIP programs or Medicaid managed care plans between Jan. 1, 2018 and May 31, 2020. HHS anticipates close to 1 million providers will be eligible for this funding. Additional details, including application information, are available [here](#). HHS states it will launch the enhanced Provider Relief Fund Payment Portal on Wednesday, June 10.

**HHS requests additional data to help determine distribution of some CARES Act funds.** HHS yesterday announced in an email that it is planning an additional distribution of funds to hospitals that have been particularly affected by the increased burden of caring for those with COVID-19. To inform how these funds are distributed, HHS is asking all hospitals to provide it with certain information by Monday, June 15 at 7 p.m. MT. This includes, for each facility with a Medicare Tax Identification Number, its total number of COVID-19 positive inpatient admissions from Jan. 1, 2020 through June 10, 2020. Hospitals must submit these data in order to be eligible for these payments, although doing so is not a guarantee of eligibility for any amount.

**Updated catalogue of health agency guidance.** Healthcare consulting firm Wynne Health Group yesterday released an updated [Catalogue of Health Agency Guidance and Government Response to COVID-19](#). The document encapsulates and organizes relevant guidance for healthcare providers, insurers, state governments, public health agencies, and other stakeholders, as well as captures the status of major actions by the White House and Congress.

## 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](#)

**Updated 6/5:** [Summary of Funding Opportunities for Hospitals \(MHA\)](#)

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

**Updated 6/9:** [CDC What's New \(CDC\)](#)

[CDC Key Updates for Past Week \(CDC\)](#)

### EMS

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

[Montana EMS Guidance \(DPHHS\)](#)

**Updated 6/9:** [EMS & Pre-Hospital Resource Collection \(ASPR/TRACIE\)](#)

[EMS Crisis Standards of Care Strategies and Resources \(Healthcare Resilience Task Force\)](#)

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

[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 \(CMS\)](#)

**Updated 6/8:** [Provider-specific Fact Sheets on Waivers and Flexibilities \(CMS\)](#)

[New Flexibilities for RHCs and FQHCs During Pandemic \(CMS\)](#)

[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 \(CDC\)](#)

[Antibody Testing At-A-Glance Recommendations for Healthcare Professionals \(CDC\)](#)

**Updated 6/8:** [COVID-19 Testing FAQs \(FDA\)](#)

[Framework for Providing Non-COVID-19 Clinical Care During the COVID-19 Pandemic \(CDC\)](#)

[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 \(CDC\)](#)

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

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

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

[Information for Pediatric Healthcare Providers During COVID-19 Emergency \(CDC\)](#)

[Evaluation and Management Considerations for Neonates At Risk for COVID-19 \(CDC\)](#)

**Updated 6/9:** [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)

**NEW 6/5:** [Guidance on COVID-19 laboratory data reporting](#) (HHS)

**NEW 6/5:** [COVID-19 laboratory data reporting FAQs](#) (HHS)

## **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)

[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)

[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 \(CDC\)](#)

[PPE Emergency Use Authorizations \(FDA\)](#)

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

**Updated 6/7:** [FAQs on Shortages of Surgical Masks and Gowns During the COVID-19 Pandemic \(FDA\)](#)

[NIOSH Information on Counterfeit 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 \(CDC\)](#)

[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 6/9:** [Toolkit for Healthcare Decision-Makers Responding to COVID-19 Workforce Concerns \(HHS\)](#)

[Guidance for Protecting Workers in Office Buildings \(CDC\)](#)

[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**

[CARES Act Provider Relief Fund FAQs](#) (HHS)

[Medicare Fee-for-Service Billing COVID-19 FAQs](#) (CMS)

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

[Provider Relief Fund Distribution Terms and Conditions and Submission Portals](#) (HHS)

[COVID-19 Relief Funding, Loan Sources, and Obligations Reference Guide](#) (PYA)

[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**

[COVID-19 Surge Demand Planning Tool](#) (CDC)

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