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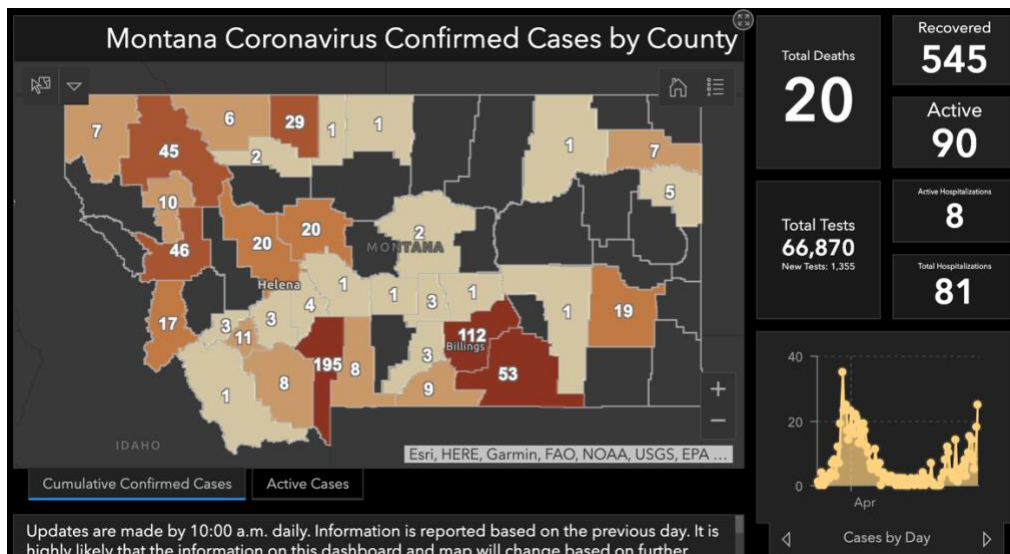
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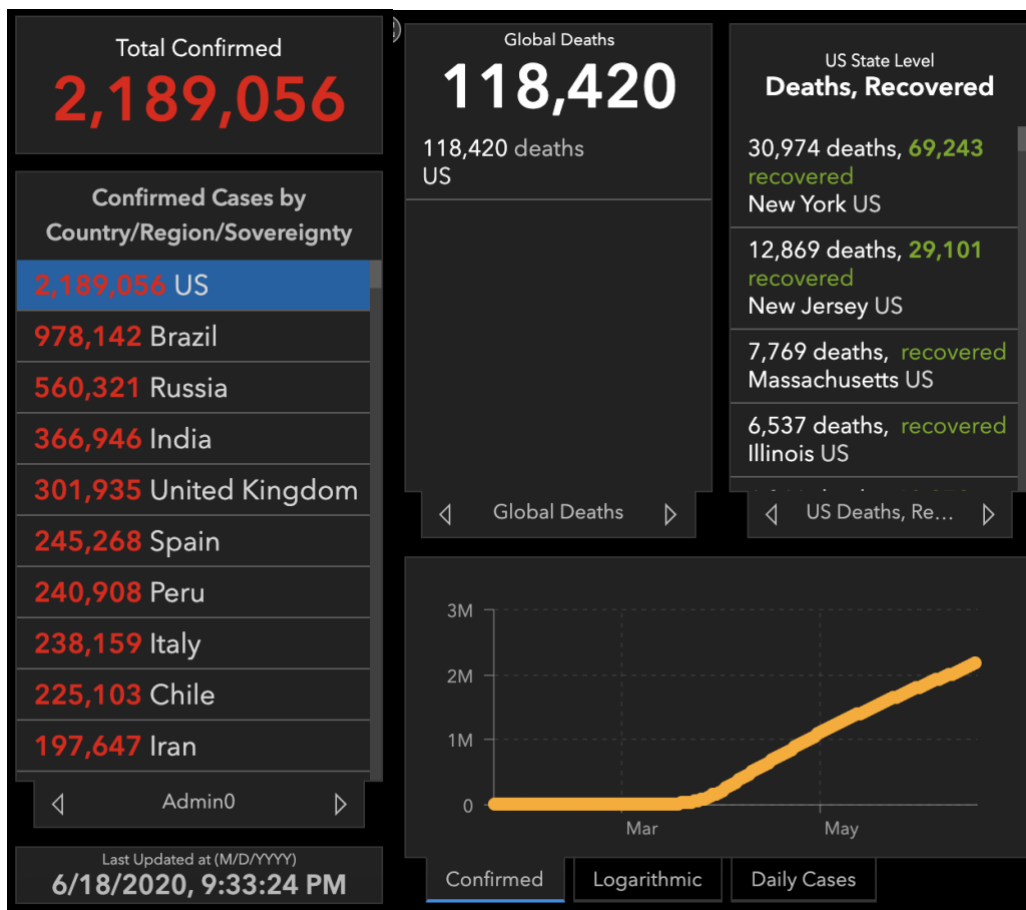
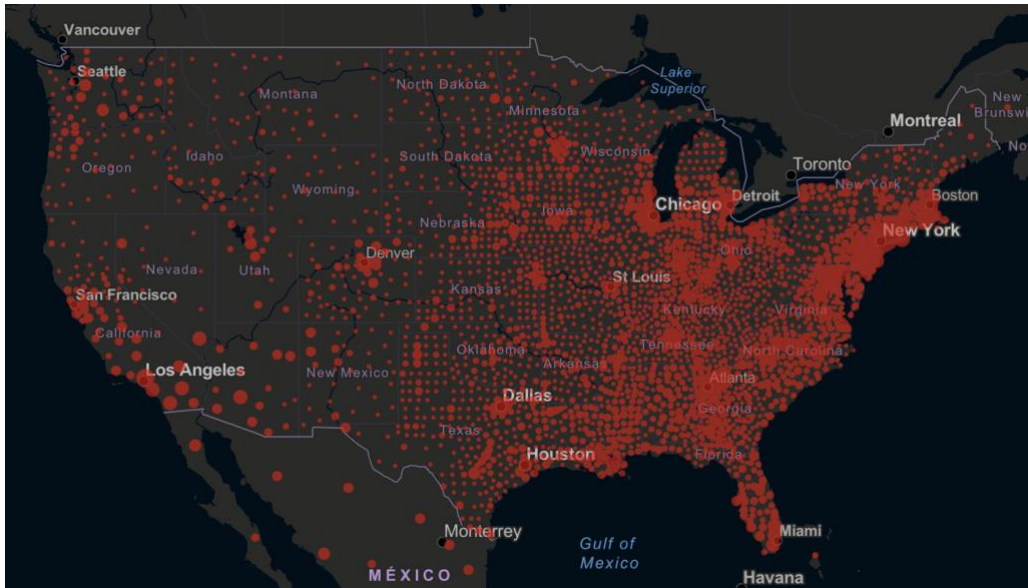
## Montana Hospital Association - Situation Report

June 18, 2020

# COVID-19

REPORTED CASES	
<b>Montana</b> <i>New in last 24 hours: 25 (+4%)</i> <i>Active Cases: 90 (Last 24hrs: +18)</i> <i>Recovered: 545 (Last 24hrs: +7)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Total: 81 (Last 24hrs: +3)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Active: 8 (Last 24hrs: +3)</i> <i>Deaths: 20 (Last 24hrs: +0)</i> Source: <a href="#">Montana COVID-19 Dashboard</a>	<b>655</b>
<b>United States</b> <i>New in last 24 hours: 25,766 (+1%)</i> Source: <a href="#">Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard</a>	<b>2,189,056</b>
<b>WA</b>	<b>27,192</b>
<b>ID</b>	<b>3,632</b>
<b>WY</b>	<b>1,144</b>
<b>ND</b>	<b>3,193</b>
<b>SD</b>	<b>6,109</b>





## OPERATIONS

**FDA approves new intubation/ventilation drug.** The FDA approved a [new drug](#) to facilitate tracheal intubation and muscle relaxation during surgery or mechanical ventilation.

**More companies marketing unauthorized at-home test kits.** The FDA this week issued warning letters to three companies for marketing [unauthorized test kits](#) directly to consumers for at-home use. The FDA reminds the public that, at the

present time, there are no diagnostic or antibody COVID-19 test kits that are currently authorized, cleared or approved to be used completely at home. The FDA has authorized several diagnostic COVID-19 tests for use with at-home collection of samples (e.g., nasal, salivary) that can then be sent to a lab for processing and test reporting. However, there are not any antibody tests that are authorized for use with at-home collection of samples.

**FDA announces project to advance diagnostics.** The FDA today [announced](#) a public-private partnership to advance COVID-19 diagnostics. The project is a companion to a [Therapeutic Evidence Accelerator](#) launched by the Udall Foundation for the FDA and Friends of Cancer Research in April, which brings together experts in health data aggregation and analytics to inform the collective COVID-19 response.

## 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

**IRS outlines telehealth flexibilities under CARES Act.** The Internal Revenue Service yesterday [outlined](#) certain telehealth spending flexibilities under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, which allows high-deductible

health plans with health savings accounts to cover telehealth services before a patient reaches their deductible amount. Under [IRS guidance](#) issued last month, the provision applies to services provided on or after Jan. 1, 2020, with respect to plan years beginning on or before Dec. 31, 2021. The CARES Act also expanded "qualified medical expenses" for HSAs and various other tax-advantaged accounts.

## 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 lists and general sources of information on a wide range of COVID-19-related issues

[MHA COVID-19 General Resources page](#)

### CLINICAL OPERATIONS

Resources on infection prevention and control, EMS operations, telehealth operations and care for specific populations from federal and state resources

[MHA COVID-19 Clinical Operations page](#)

### LONG-TERM CARE & RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES

CDC and CMS resources specific to maintaining safe conditions in long-term care and retirement communities

[MHA COVID-19 Long-Term Care & Retirement Communities page](#)

## **SUPPLY CHAIN RESOURCES**

Resources from AHRMM, AHA, Intalere, CDC and other sources on sourcing, conserving and properly using PPE

[MHA COVID-19 Supply Chain Resources page](#)

## **WORKFORCE PROTECTION & SUPPORT**

MT DLI, CDC, OSHA and NIH toolkits, FAQs and other resources to protect employees and allow staff to return to work

[MHA COVID-19 Workforce Protection & Support page](#)

## **COMMUNITY MITIGATION STRATEGIES**

CDC resources on community mitigation strategies

[MHA COVID-19 Community Mitigation Strategies page](#)

## **FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**

Guidance, fact sheets and other resources on regulatory waivers and flexibilities in addition to catalogued financing information related to the CARES Act and other COVID-19 funding assistance

[MHA COVID-19 Finance & Administration page](#)

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Archive of MHA COVID-19 related communications as well as sample communications documents, toolkits and other resources from state and national levels

[MHA COVID-19 Communications page](#)

## **TESTING**

FAQs, recommendations and other CDC, FDA and MT DPHHS resources related to COVID-19 testing

[MHA COVID-19 Testing page](#)

## **PLANNING**

Best practices and planning documents from CDC, facilities on the front lines and MT DPHHS

[MHA COVID-19 Planning page](#)

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