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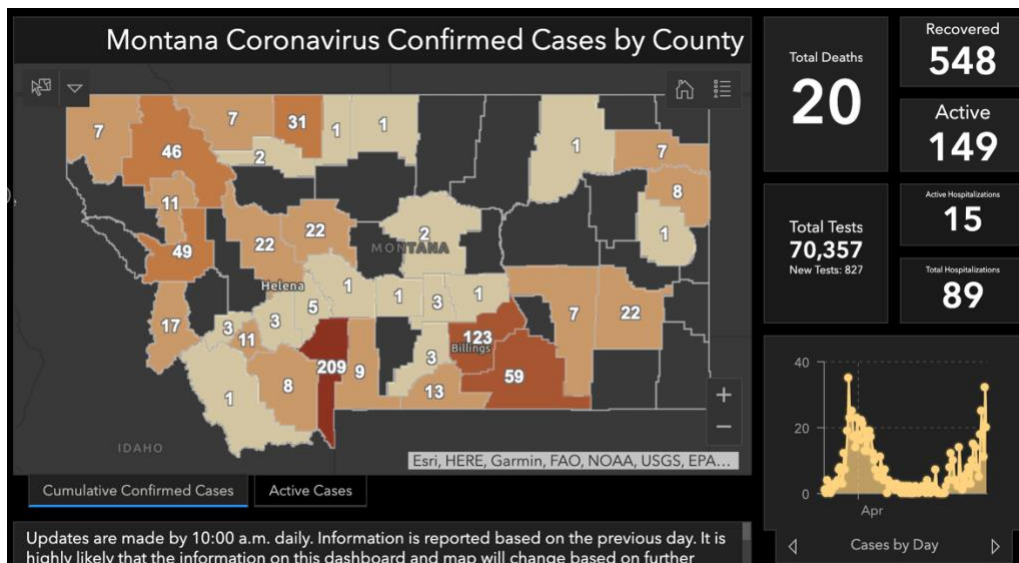
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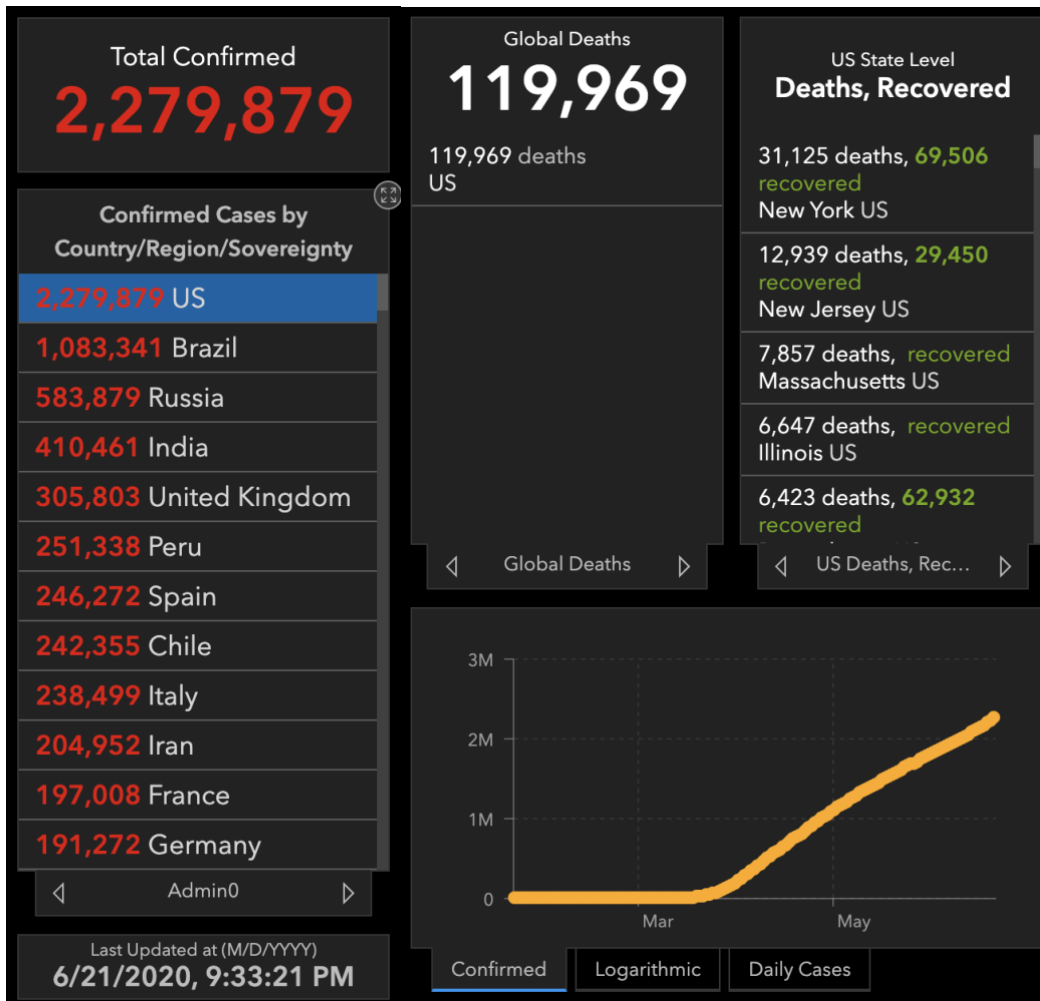
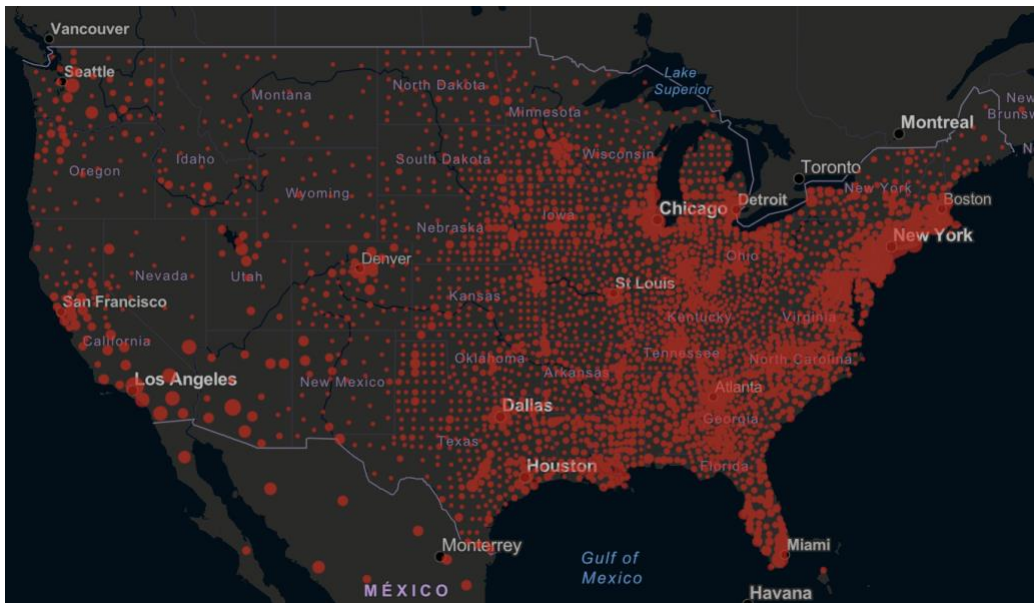
Montana Hospital Association - Situation Report

June 21, 2020

COVID-19

REPORTED CASES	
Montana <i>New in last 72 hours: 62 (+3% daily growth)</i> <i>Active Cases: 149 (Last 72hrs: +59)</i> <i>Recovered: 548 (Last 72hrs: +3)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Total: 89 (Last 72hrs: +8)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Active: 15 (Last 72hrs: +7)</i> <i>Deaths: 20 (Last 72hrs: +0)</i> Source: Montana COVID-19 Dashboard	717
United States <i>New in last 72 hours: 90,823 (+1% daily growth)</i> Source: Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard	2,279,879
WA	28,680
ID	4,006
WY	1,197
ND	3,288
SD	6,297





OPERATIONS

CDC updates guidance on managing facilities during COVID-19 pandemic. The CDC recently updated its [healthcare facility operations guidance](#) to reflect the current COVID-19 pandemic environment. The document outlines goals and strategies for U.S. healthcare facilities to operate effectively and safely during the COVID-19 pandemic, including recommendations to adjust the way they deliver

services to reduce the need to provide in-person care, follow infection prevention and control recommendations tailored to their setting and provide necessary in-person clinical services for conditions other than COVID-19 in the safest way possible, minimizing disease transmission to patients, healthcare personnel and others.

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 issues new FAQs on emergency relief fund reporting; quarterly report originally due July 10 no longer required. HHS recently updated its [FAQs](#) on the CARES Act emergency relief fund, with specific attention to provider reporting related to these funds. Specifically, providers that have received emergency relief payments do not need to submit a quarterly report to HHS or the government's oversight body, the Pandemic Response Accountability Committee, according to the FAQs (page 9, 6/13/2020 update of the [FAQ PDF](#)). The statutory requirement for quarterly reports related to these funds is being met by HHS' public release of the data on each payment the agency has distributed.

Medicare coverage of COVID-19 testing for nursing home residents and patients. CMS Friday [instructed](#) Medicare Administrative Contactors and notified Medicare Advantage plans to cover coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) laboratory tests for nursing home residents and patients. This instruction follows the CDC's recent update of COVID-19 [testing guidelines for nursing homes](#) that provides recommendations for testing of nursing home residents and patients with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 as well as for asymptomatic residents and patients who have been exposed to COVID like in an outbreak. Original Medicare and Medicare Advantage plans will cover COVID-19 lab tests consistent with CDC guidance.

Medicare Advantage plans must continue not to charge cost sharing (including deductibles, copayments, and coinsurance) or apply prior authorization or other utilization management requirements for COVID-19 tests and testing-related services. CMS added a new section on the expanded coverage in its [MLN Matters Special Edition Article](#) for providers and suppliers who bill Medicare Fee-For-Service (FFS).

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

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 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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