SITREP

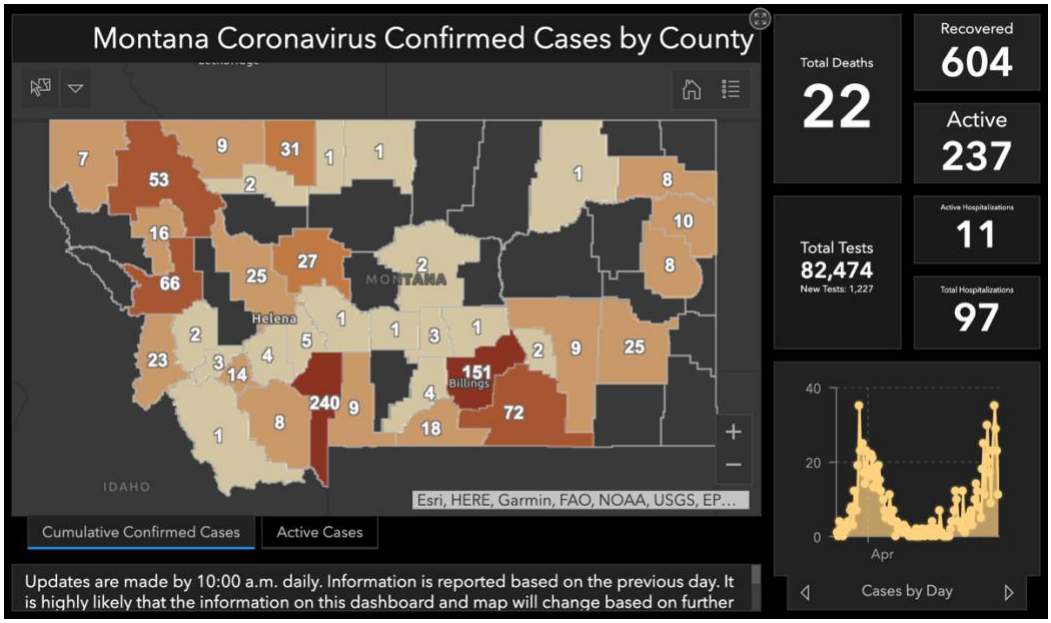
MHA Montana Hospital Association

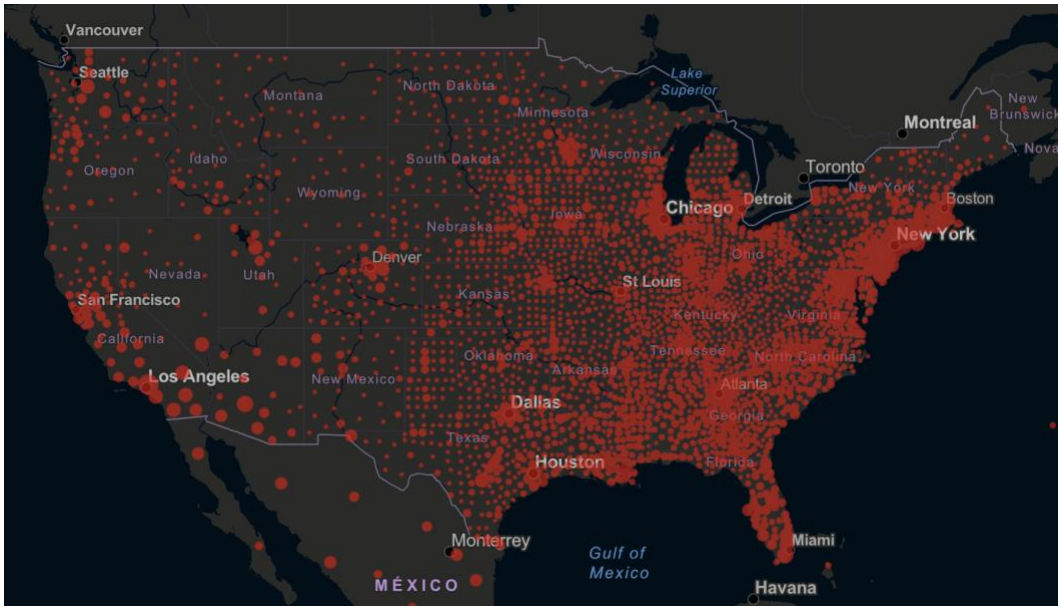
Montana Hospital Association - Situation Report

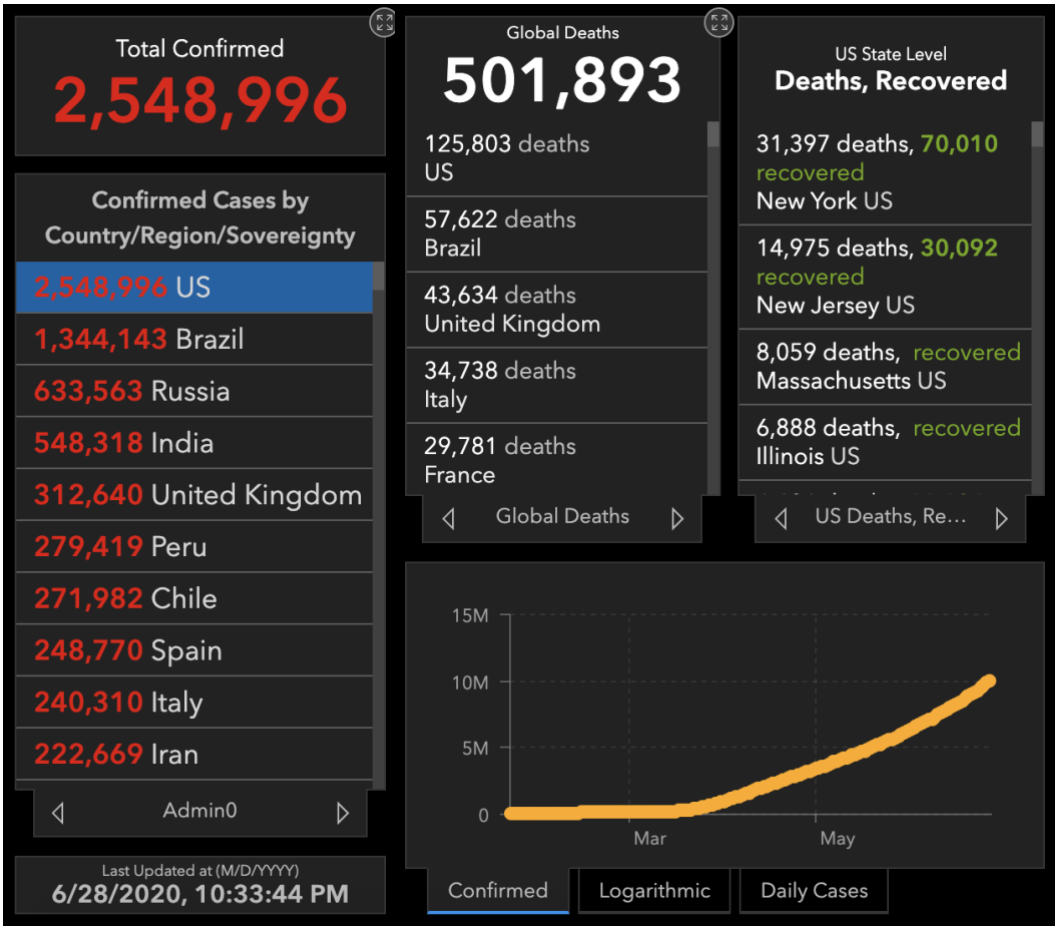
June 28, 2020

COVID-19

REPORTED CASES	
Montana ***New in last 48 hours: 34 (+2% avg per day)*** ***Active Cases: 237 (Last 48hrs: +19)*** ***Recovered: 604 (Last 48hrs: +15)*** ***Hospitalizations, Total: 97 (Last 48hrs: +2)*** ***Hospitalizations, Active: 11 (Last 48hrs: -3)*** ***Deaths: 22 (Last 48hrs: +0)*** **Source: Montana COVID-19 Dashboard**	**863**
United States ***New in last 48 hours: 119,227 (+3% avg per day)*** **Source: Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard**	**2,538,996**
WA	**31,752**
ID	**5,322**
WY	**1,417**
ND	**3,495**
SD	**6,681**







OPERATIONS

Updated CDC list of people at risk for severe COVID-19 illness eschews specific age thresholds. The CDC has updated and expanded its list of people at risk of severe COVID-19 illness, the agency said yesterday. CDC removed a specific age threshold for those more susceptible to COVID-19 infection as part of the update. Instead, CDC said the risk of severe illness increases steadily the older an

individual is, mainly because underlying health conditions develop as a person ages. In addition, CDC said it updated the list of health conditions that could exacerbate COVID-19 illness, including chronic kidney disease and Type 2 diabetes. "We have to recognize reality," said CDC Director Robert Redfield, M.D. "Our nation isn't as healthy as some other nations, particularly if you look at obesity and some other medical conditions."

COVID-19 'cocktail' therapy moves to clinical trial. A therapeutic, two-antibody COVID-19 treatment "cocktail" from Regeneron and the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority moved to its first clinical trial, the developers earlier this month announced. The REGN-COV2 treatment contains two neutralizing monoclonal antibodies. It is believed to have the potential to be one of the first therapeutics specifically designed to inhibit SARS-COV-2.

FDA adds portable resuscitator to ventilator EUA list. The FDA Thursday added the AustinP51 emergency-use system to its list of ventilator authorized for emergency use in healthcare settings to treat adults during the COVID-19 pandemic. The device is a portable emergency use resuscitator designed to provide either continuous or intermittent ventilatory support for patients requiring mechanical ventilation through volume control.

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: Bed and PPE counts to be reported weekly on Fridays. 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

AMA releases CPT code for antigen tests. The American Medical Association Thursday announced a new Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code (87426) for reporting antigen testing to detect SARS-CoV-2 infection on medical claims. The FDA last month issued the first emergency use authorization for a COVID-19 antigen test, which can quickly detect the SARS-CoV-2 virus in a nasal swab sample.

Nearly 487,000 enroll in HealthCare.gov coverage in April. More than 892,000 consumers in states using the HealthCare.gov platform gained 2020 coverage since the end of open enrollment through May by using a Special Enrollment Period, a 27% increase from the same period last year, according to a **report** released yesterday by CMS. Almost 487,000 enrollees used the SEP for people who recently lost other qualifying health coverage, with the largest monthly gain in April. Consumers who experience one of six types of life events can select a plan during an SEP.

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@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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