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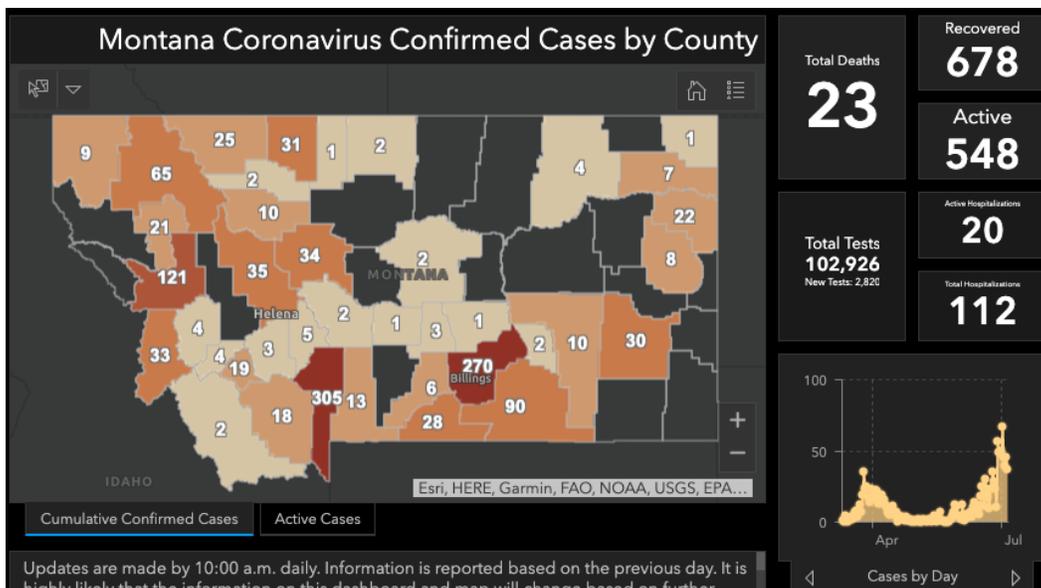
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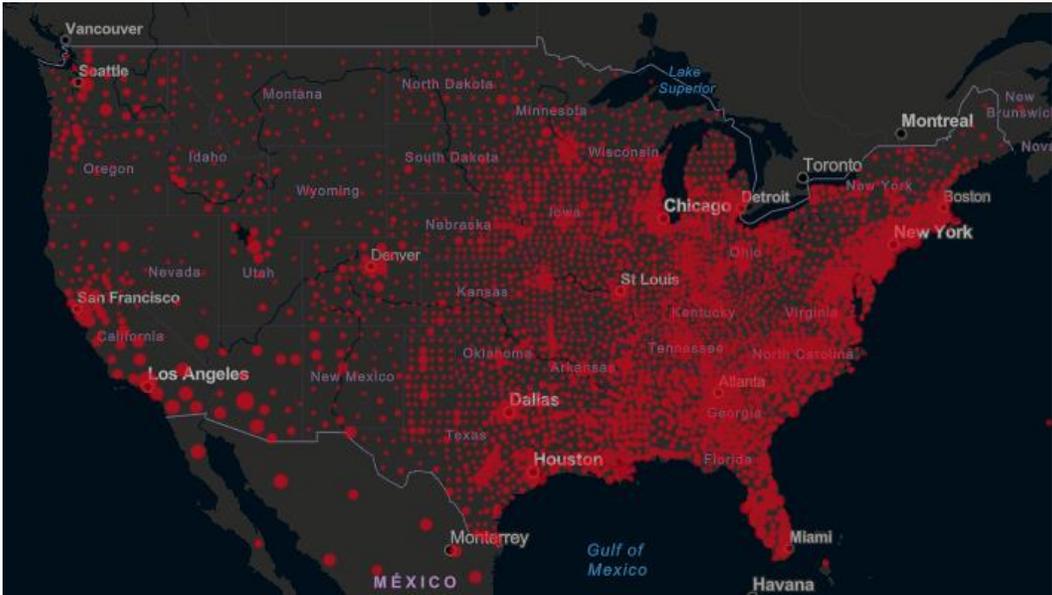
Montana Hospital Association - Situation Report

July 6, 2020

COVID-19

REPORTED CASES	
Montana <i>New in last 96hrs: 166 (+4% avg per day)</i> <i>Active Cases: 548 (Last 96hrs: +159)</i> <i>Recovered: 678 (Last 96hrs: +6)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Total: 112 (Last 96hrs: +6)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Active: 20 (Last 96hrs: +6)</i> <i>Deaths: 23 (Last 96hrs: +1)</i> Source: Montana COVID-19 Dashboard	1,249
United States <i>New in last 96hrs: 182,121 (+2% avg per day)</i> Source: Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard	2,922,000
WA	35,898
ID	7,733
WY	1,676
ND	3,849
SD	7,105





OPERATIONS

FDA warns of ‘life-threatening’ methanol-based hand sanitizers, authorizes new COVID-19 test kits. The FDA last week [warned](#) of methanol’s toxic and “not acceptable” suitability for use as an active ingredient in hand sanitizer. Methanol is a wood alcohol more commonly used for the creation of fuel or antifreeze. FDA said it has seen an increase in methanol’s use in hand sanitizers, resulting in

adverse events among adults and children that include blindness, hospitalizations and death.

FDA also authorized the emergency use of a trio of COVID-19 test kits:

- the TNS Co., Ltd [\(Bio TNS\) COVID-19 RT-PCR Peptide Nucleic Acid](#) for the qualitative detection of nucleic acid from SARS-CoV-2 in respiratory specimens;
- the [Kroger Health COVID-19 Test Home Collection Kit](#), which can be used by individuals to self-collect nasal swab specimens at home while video-observed by a health care provider; and
- Psomagen, Inc.'s [Psoma COVID-19 RT Test](#), which is authorized for qualitative detection of nucleic acid from SARS-CoV-2 in upper respiratory swab specimens and bronchoalveolar lavage specimens.

FDA issues EUA for test differentiating flu from COVID-19. The FDA last week [authorized](#) the emergency use of a third diagnostic test that detects and differentiates flu and COVID-19 viruses from one another. The test from the CDC, along with previously authorized tests from BioFire Diagnostics LLC and QIAGEN GmbH, require only a single sample from patients who exhibit respiratory disease symptoms. FDA said these tests will use fewer supplies and provide faster and comprehensive results.

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. Use this [survey link](#) weekly to report bed and PPE data.

LOGISTICS

MHA Ventures releases updated PPE Resource Guide. The [PPE Resource Guide](#) is a comprehensive list of channels for Montana healthcare providers to access available PPE and other medical supplies.

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

MHA, 33 other state associations urge HHS to delay hospital price-disclosure start. Citing the burden of the ongoing COVID-19 response, a group of 34 state hospital associations Thursday [urged](#) HHS to delay the effective date of the agency's hospital price transparency rule, which requires hospitals to that hospitals publicly disclose negotiated rates with commercial health plans. The rule is currently subject to a legal challenge led by the American Hospital Association. The states' letter asks HHS to pause the rule's implementation until the issue is settled in the courts.

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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