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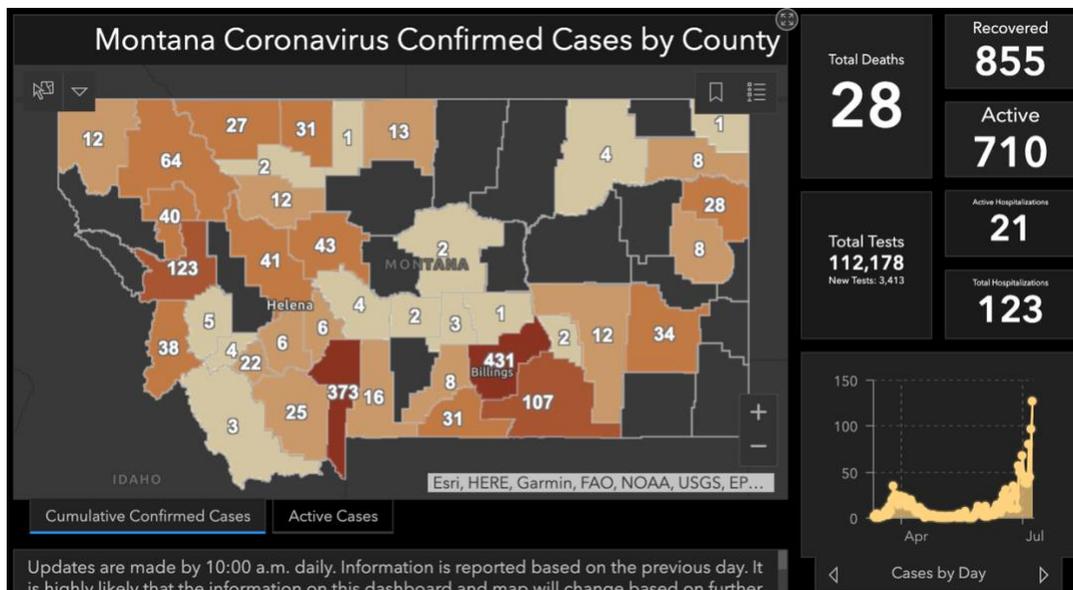
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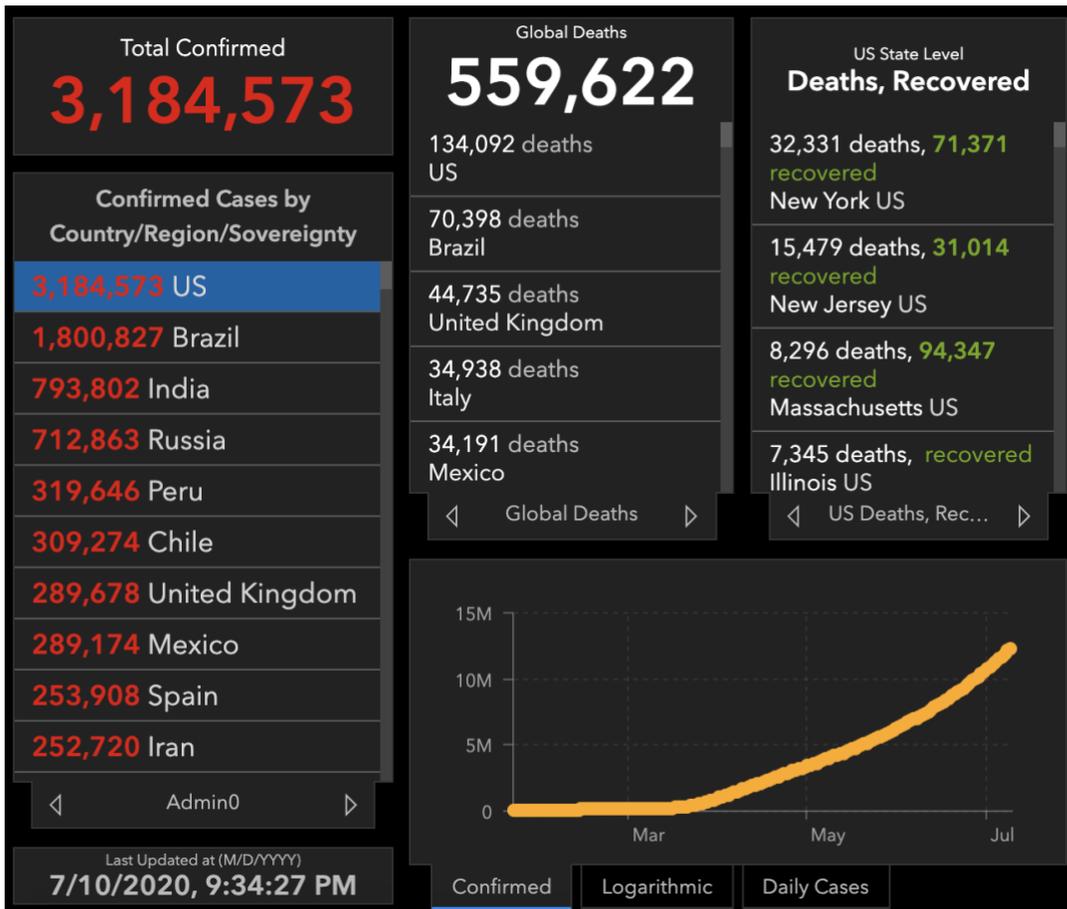
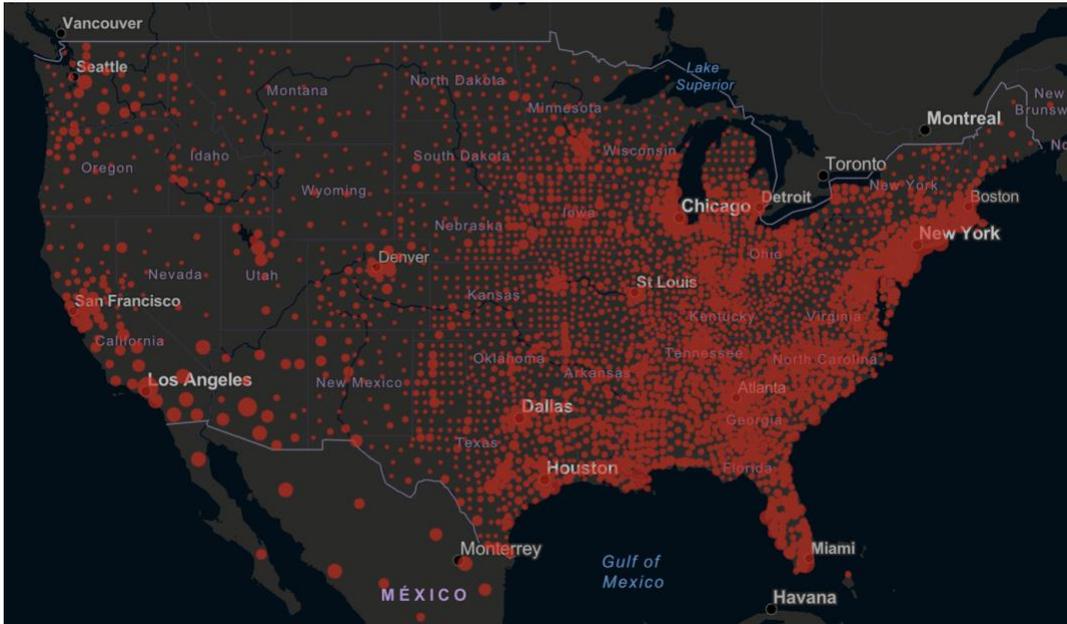
Montana Hospital Association - Situation Report

July 10, 2020

## COVID-19

REPORTED CASES	
<b>Montana</b> <i>New in last 24hrs: 127 (+9%)</i> <i>Active Cases: 710 (Last 24hrs: +65)</i> <i>Recovered: 855 (Last 24hrs: +59)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Total: 123</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Active: 21</i> <i>Deaths: 28 (Last 24hrs: +3)</i> Source: <a href="#">Montana COVID-19 Dashboard</a>	<b>1,593</b>
<b>United States</b> <i>New in last 24hrs: 66,565 (+2%)</i> Source: <a href="#">Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard</a>	<b>3,184,573</b>
<b>WA</b>	<b>39,218</b>
<b>ID</b>	<b>9,929</b>
<b>WY</b>	<b>1,790</b>
<b>ND</b>	<b>4,155</b>
<b>SD</b>	<b>7,401</b>





## OPERATIONS

**Gilead begins clinical study of inhaled remdesivir for COVID-19 treatment.**

Gilead Sciences yesterday [said](#) it is starting phase one clinical study of inhaled remdesivir for potential outpatient treatment of COVID-19. In a statement, Gilead said the inhaled version could better target respiratory infections and limit systemic exposure to remdesivir and be accessible to non-hospitalized patients. In

the placebo-controlled trial, Gilead said it will enroll approximately 60 healthy U.S. adults to evaluate the drug's safety, tolerability and pharmacokinetics.

**ASPR/TRACIE releases 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of COVID-19: Alternate Care Site Toolkit.** The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) Technical Resources, Assistance Center, and Information Exchange (TRACIE) last week released the Third Edition of the Federal Healthcare Resilience Task Force [Alternate Care Site \(ACS\) Toolkit](#), providing enhanced guidance, including:

- Updated directions
- Funding sources
- Guidance on providing dialysis support
- New temperature screening protocol and updated glossary of terms
- Information on retaining a warm site, including funding strategies
- Updated supply lists

## 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

**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 over \$4 billion in additional relief payments.** HHS today announced that it will distribute over \$4 billion in additional funds from the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund to rural hospitals and hospitals that serve a high number of Medicaid patients and provide large amounts of uncompensated care. A total of \$13.8 million will be distributed to seven Montana hospitals.

In May, HHS distributed \$10 billion in funding to general acute-care hospitals, rural health clinics and community health centers located in rural areas, as well as critical access hospitals. Now, HHS will distribute funds to certain special rural Medicare designation hospitals in urban areas, as well as others who provide care in smaller, non-rural communities. These may include some suburban hospitals that are not considered rural but serve rural populations and operate with smaller profit margins and limited resources than larger hospitals. HHS estimates this funding will total \$1 billion.

In addition, in June, HHS distributed \$10 billion to hospitals serving a high number of Medicaid patients and providing large amounts of uncompensated care. One of the criterion for this distribution was that the hospital maintained a margin of 3% or less. However, HHS now will expand this criterion to be a margin of less than 3%, averaged consecutively over two or more of the last five cost-reporting periods. HHS expects this funding will total more than \$3 billion.

For more details on the announcement, see the [HHS press release](#).

**Tip sheet for hospice quality program, following expiration of COVID-19 exemptions.** CMS recently released a [tip sheet](#) on the Hospice Quality Reporting Program (HQRP): COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE). This tip sheet provides guidance on quality data submissions starting on July 1, 2020, now that the temporary exemptions from the COVID-19 PHE ended. Visit the [HQRP Requirements and Best Practices webpage](#) for more information.

## 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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