SITREP

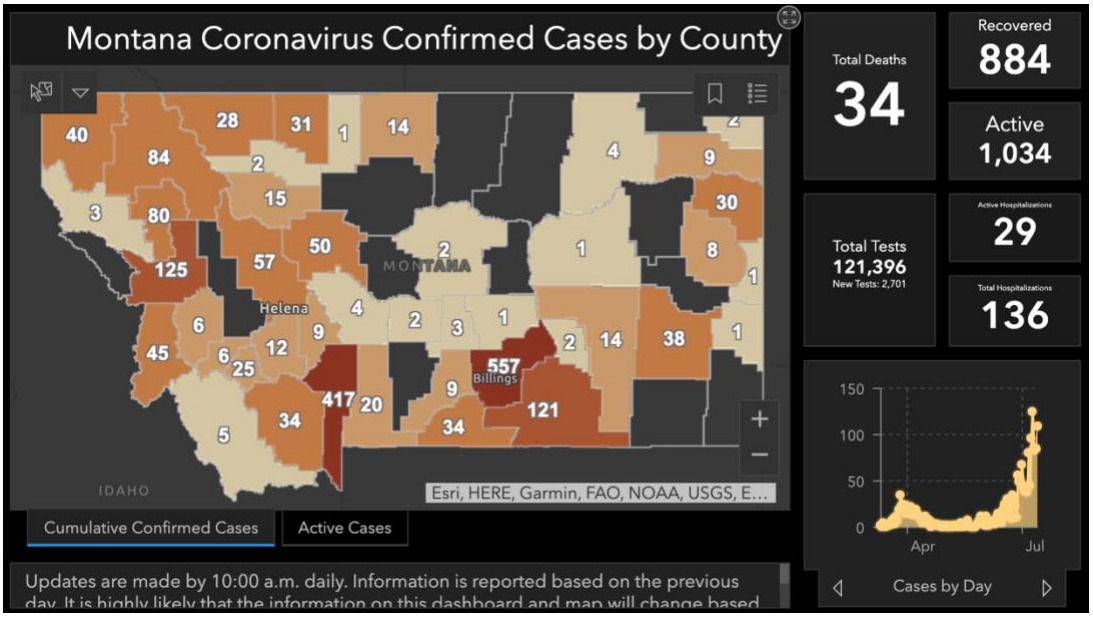
MHA Montana Hospital Association

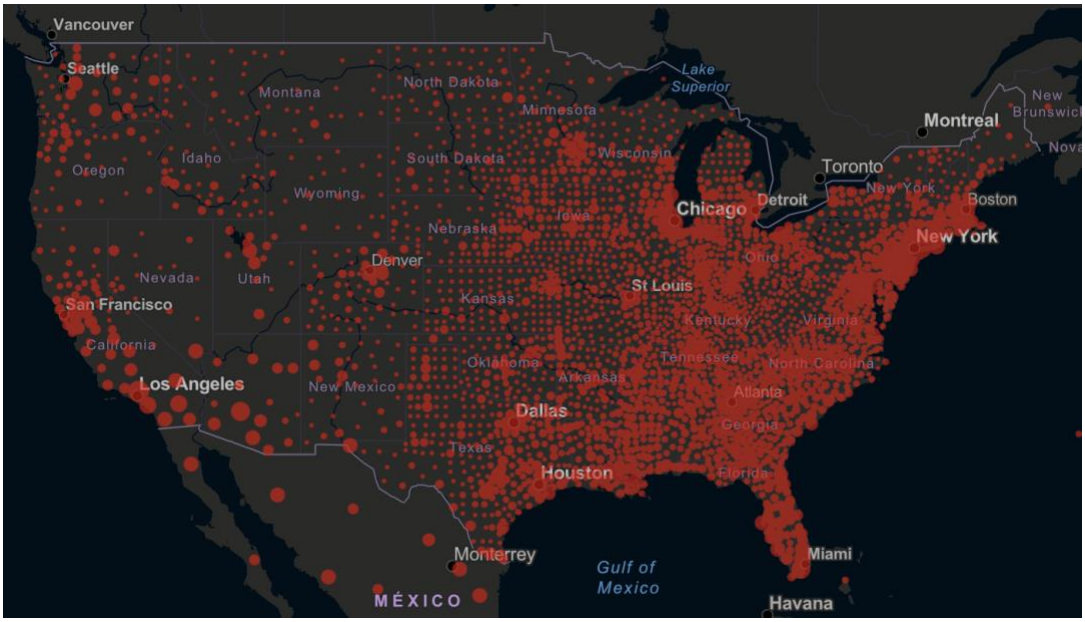
Montana Hospital Association - Situation Report

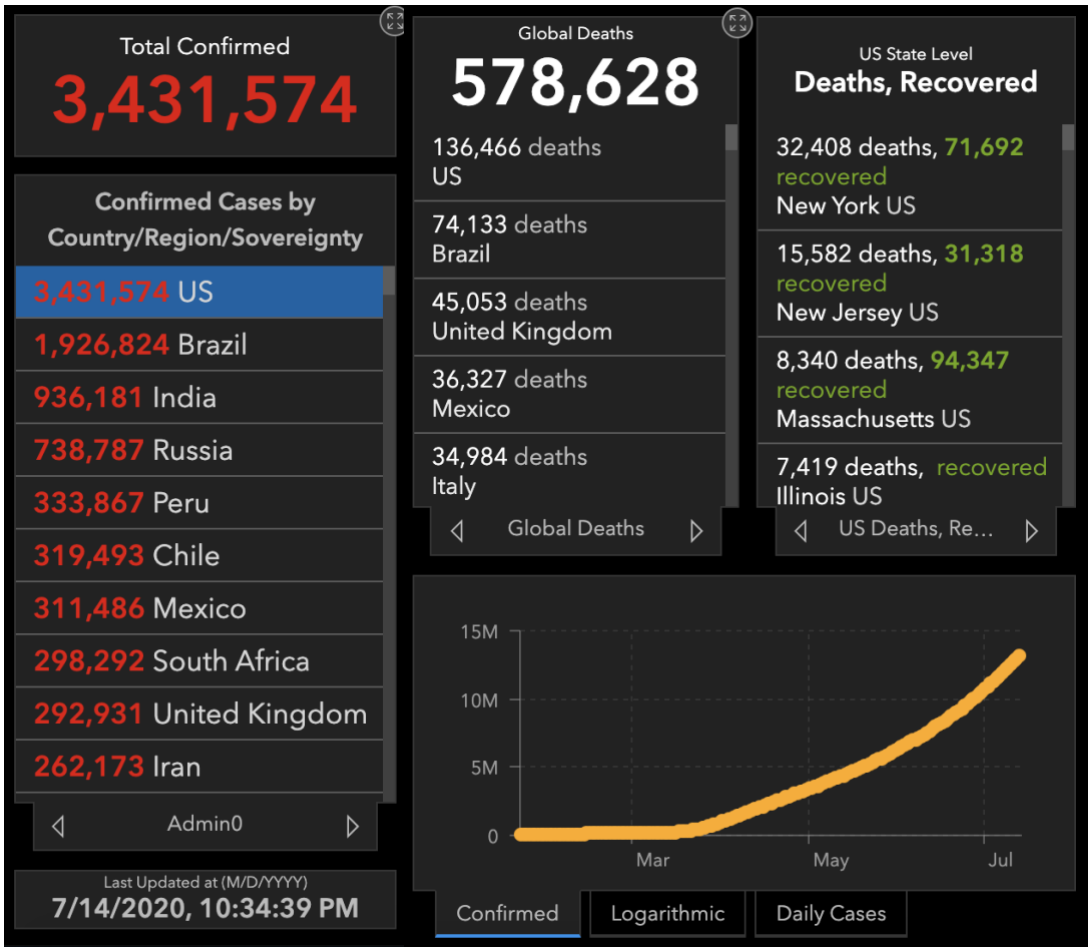
July 14, 2020

COVID-19

REPORTED CASES	
Montana ***New in last 24hrs: 109 (+6%)*** ***Active Cases: 1,034 (Last 24hrs: +98)*** ***Recovered: 884 (Last 24hrs: +9)*** ***Hospitalizations, Total: 136 (Last 24hrs: +3)*** ***Hospitalizations, Active: 29 (Last 24hrs: +1)*** ***Deaths: 34 (Last 24hrs: +2)*** **Source: Montana COVID-19 Dashboard**	**1,952**
United States ***New in last 24hrs: 68,518 (+2%)*** **Source: Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard**	**3,431,574**
WA	**42,304**
ID	**11,720**
WY	**1,950**
ND	**4,493**
SD	**7,572**







OPERATIONS

FDA issues EUAs for stimulator device, ventilator. The FDA last week authorized emergency use for a non-invasive nerve stimulator at home or in healthcare settings to treat suspected COVID-19 patients experiencing worsened asthma-related shortness of breath and reduced airflow. The device from electroCore, Inc.

is intended for use when other drug therapies are not tolerated or do not provide enough symptom relief. FDA also authorized as a ventilator a CPAP mask combined with a N95 from Circadiance.

PLANNING

HHS makes significant changes to COVID-19 daily data reporting process; NHSN COVID-19 module to be deactivated 7/15. HHS Monday announced significant changes to the process for hospitals to fulfill the agency's request for daily data reporting on bed capacity, utilization, personal protective equipment (PPE) and in-house laboratory testing data. The most significant changes are detailed below.

Reporting Options. The CDC's National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) COVID-19 module will no longer be an option for daily data reporting as of July 15. Hospitals are asked to report to the HHS TeleTracking portal, an existing option for daily reporting. (Other reporting options to fulfill the data reporting request are available.)

The TeleTracking portal also has been used for special data reporting requests related to high-impact funds distribution, as well as remdesivir distribution. For issues with accessing the TeleTracking portal or questions about the data, contact TeleTracking Technical Support at 1-877-570-6903.

Data Fields. HHS has made significant updates to the data fields it is asking for in daily reporting. For example, HHS is asking for information on both pediatric and adult patients, and is asking hospitals for information about their inventory of remdesivir.

HHS stressed in the announcement the importance of reporting the requested data on a daily basis to inform the Administration's ongoing response to the pandemic, including the allocation of supplies, treatments and other resources. In addition, the agency notes it will no longer ask for one-time requests for data to aid in the distribution of remdesivir or any other treatments or supplies. This means that the daily reporting is the only mechanism used for the distribution calculations.

HHS asks hospitals to prioritize certain data fields in COVID-19 daily reporting starting Wednesday, July 15. Following the Monday announcement of changes to its process for collecting daily COVID-19-reated data from hospitals, HHS Tuesday asked hospitals to prioritize the reporting of seven data fields starting Wednesday, July 15:

- Previous day's new adult admissions for confirmed COVID-19
- Previous day's new adult admissions for suspected COVID-19

- Total adults hospitalized for COVID - suspected and confirmed
- Total hospitalized for COVID - confirmed only
- Total adults in ICU with COVID - suspected and confirmed
- Total adults in ICU with COVID - confirmed
- Remdesivir doses (field will be available by 7/15)

In an email sent to registered users of its TeleTracking portal, HHS states it is prioritizing these seven fields because they inform the agency's distribution of remdesivir. Going forward, HHS will pull a week's worth of data each Wednesday to inform its remdesivir distribution efforts. HHS states that remdesivir distributions will not be calculated correctly if data from each day are not reported.

While HHS has prioritized the collection of the seven data fields above for this week, the agency notes that it intends to use all of the data fields from hospital daily reporting for various resource allocations. HHS asks hospitals to begin reporting all of the data fields included in yesterday's guidance on hospital reporting by no later than Wednesday, July 22.

Continue resource reporting to State. Until further notice, continue reporting the following data as follows. 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. Until further notice, healthcare organizations MUST submit needs to their local DES coordinator in order to receive an allocation of emergency PPE.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

CARES Act relief funds considered taxable income. The IRS Monday released new FAQs on the CARES Act Provider Relief Funds. The FAQs clarify that payments should be classified as gross income and, generally, tax-exempt healthcare

providers are not subject to a tax on a payment it receives from the CARES Act Provider Relief Fund.

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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