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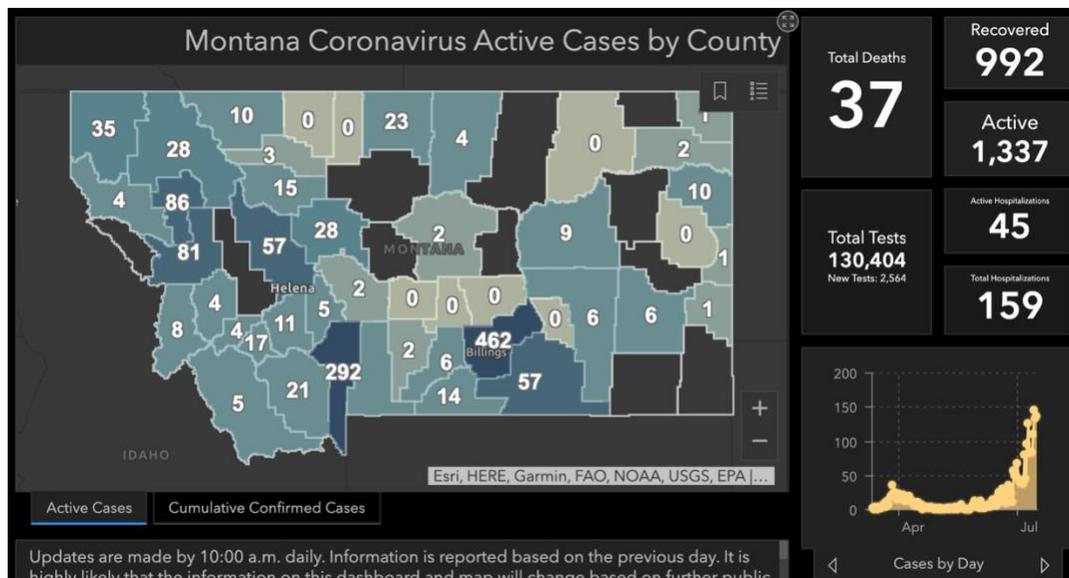


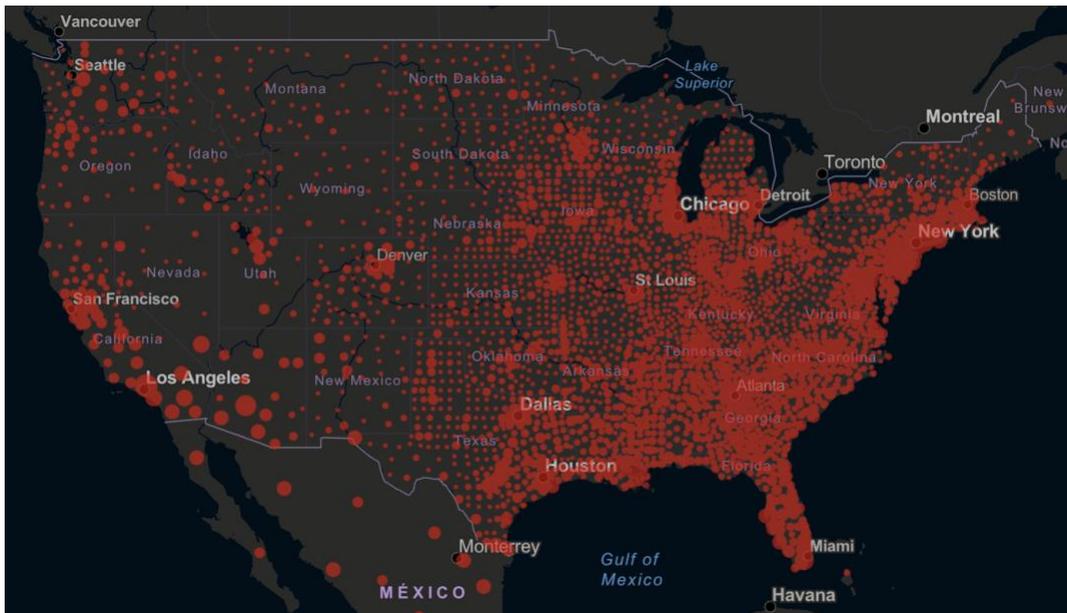
Montana Hospital Association - Situation Report

July 17, 2020

COVID-19

REPORTED CASES	
Montana <i>New in last 24hrs: 137 (+6%)</i> <i>Active Cases: 1,337 (Last 24hrs: +111)</i> <i>Recovered: 992 (Last 24hrs: +22)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Total: 159 (Last 24hrs: +9)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Active: 45 (Last 24hrs: +8)</i> <i>Deaths: 37 (Last 24hrs: +2)</i> Source: Montana COVID-19 Dashboard	2,366
United States <i>New in last 24hrs: 71,081 (+2%)</i> Source: Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard	3,647,237
WA	45,067
ID	13,753
WY	2,069
ND	4,792
SD	7,789





OPERATIONS

HHS hosts learning community, webinar on telemedicine implementation. HHS is accepting registrations for its [Telemedicine Hack](#), a free 10-week learning community to accelerate telemedicine implementation for ambulatory providers. Beginning July 22, the partnership with the ECHO Institute at the University of New Mexico will provide inter-session, peer-to-peer learning facilitated via virtual discussion boards and ad hoc interest groups.

CDC guidance not expected to recommend retesting quarantined patients. The CDC is developing guidance that will no longer recommend a second negative test within 24 hours before COVID-19 patients emerge from isolation, according to news reports from a press call yesterday with Brett Giroir, M.D., assistant secretary for health at the Department of Health and Human Services. According to those reports, Giroir said most people “are no longer contagious” 10 days after first developing symptoms and three days without symptoms, so it’s no longer “medically necessary” to retest for the virus at that point. Final guidance from the CDC is expected soon.

FDA closing COVID-19 hotline today. The FDA today at 8 p.m. closed its COVID-19 hotline for questions related to COVID-19 diagnostic tests and device shortages, including personal protective equipment and respirators. Instead, FDA said the field should use this [contact directory](#).

NIH panel updates remdesivir treatment guidelines. In situations where supplies are limited, the National Institutes of Health’s COVID-19 Treatment Guidelines Panel today [recommended](#) prioritizing remdesivir for use in hospitalized patients with COVID-19 who require supplemental oxygen but are not mechanically ventilated or on extracorporeal membrane oxygenation. The panel expects to release additional updates to its recommendations for use of remdesivir soon.

PLANNING

HHS requests daily data reporting to TeleTracking. HHS this week [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. HHS 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.

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.

HHS asks hospitals to prioritize certain data fields (see below) in COVID-19 daily reporting starting Wednesday, July 15, and work toward full reporting by July 22. Priority data fields include:

- 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

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

Bulk order of exam gloves available for late summer/early fall delivery. In anticipation of a potential upcoming glove shortage, Concordance Healthcare Solutions procured a bulk order of 125 million nitrile exam gloves to help mitigate the impact of this shortage. Shipments will arrive late July and in September. No prepayment required. For more information and to place an order, review the [exam gloves sales sheet](#). Concordance Healthcare Solutions is an established partner of MHA Ventures with healthcare clients across Montana.

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

Federal Reserve Board modifies Main Street Lending Program for nonprofit organizations. The Federal Reserve Board today [modified](#) the Main Street Lending Program to provide a new borrowing option for nonprofit organizations including hospitals, a move advocated for by the AHA. The expanded program offers loans to small- and medium-sized nonprofits that were in sound financial condition before the COVID-19 pandemic and could benefit from additional liquidity to manage during the current pandemic. The AHA has made a series of recommendations to the Federal Reserve focused on increasing the possibility that all hospitals can make use of the Main Street Program. Among other changes

from the original proposal, the modified program requires nonprofit borrowers to have a profit margin in 2019 of 2% or more (down from the proposed 5%), and reduces proposed liquidity and debt-to-cash requirements.

HHS announces additional distribution of emergency funds to ‘hot spots.’ HHS today [announced](#) that it will distribute a second round of funding from the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund to hospitals that have been highly impacted by COVID-19. Payments totaling \$10 billion will go out to over 1,000 hospitals as early as July 20. One Montana hospital received funds from this distribution.

On June 8, HHS asked hospitals to submit data on their COVID-19 positive-inpatient admissions from Jan. 1 through June 10. Using those data, HHS will distribute funds to hospitals with more than 161 COVID-19 admissions during this time period, which equates to one admission per day. It also will distribute funds to those hospitals that experienced a disproportionate intensity of COVID-19 admissions (those that exceeded the average ratio of COVID-19 admissions/bed). Hospitals will be paid \$50,000 per eligible admission.

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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