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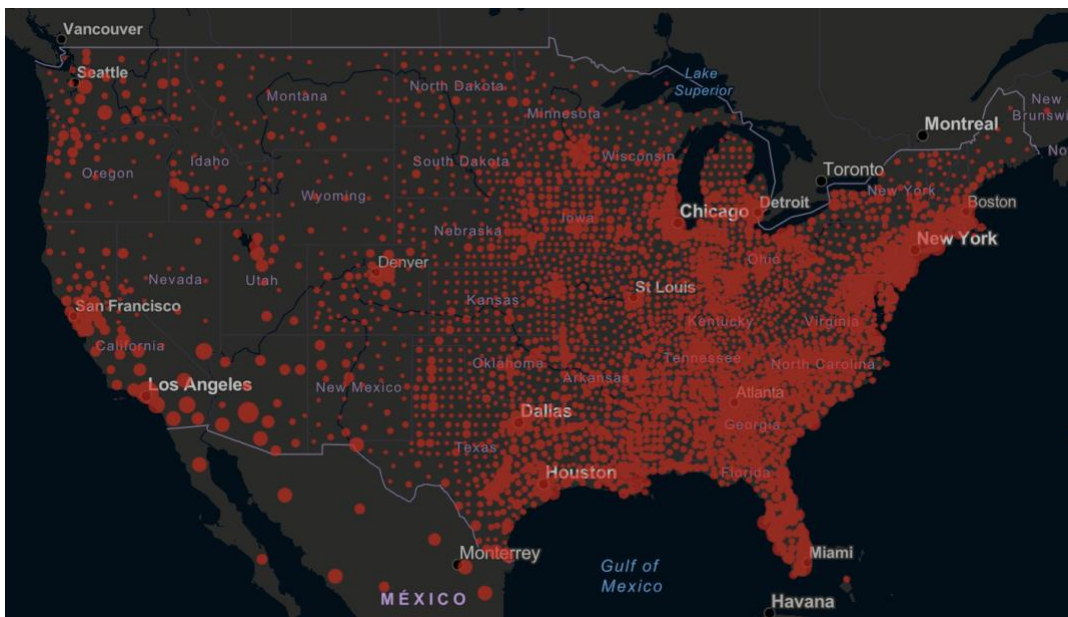
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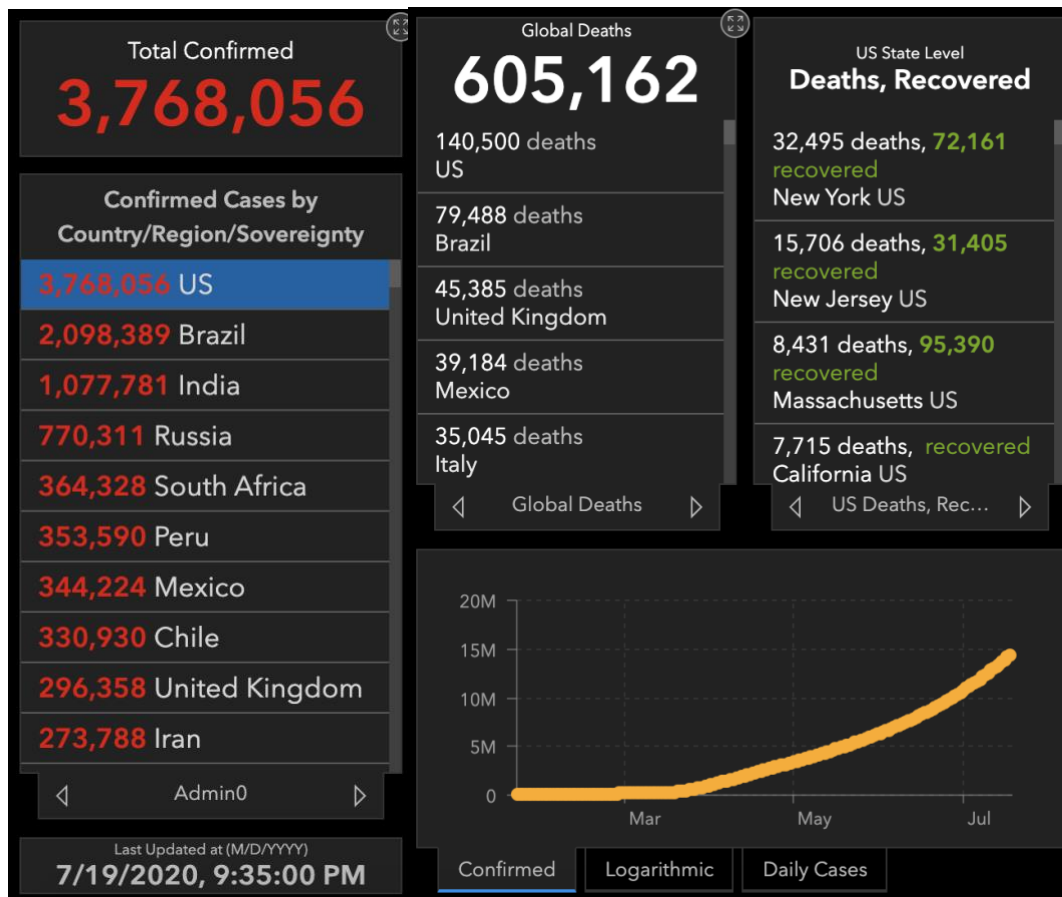
Montana Hospital Association - Situation Report

July 19, 2020

COVID-19

REPORTED CASES	
Montana <i>New in last 48hrs: 167 (+3.5% average per day)</i> <i>Active Cases: 1,421 (Last 48hrs: +84)</i> <i>Recovered: 1,075 (Last 48hrs: +83)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Total: 165 (Last 48hrs: +6)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Active: 47 (Last 48hrs: +2)</i> <i>Deaths: 37 (Last 48hrs: +0)</i> Source: Montana COVID-19 Dashboard	2,533
United States <i>New in last 48hrs: 120,819 (+1.5% average per day)</i> Source: Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard	3,768,056
WA	46,946
ID	14,874
WY	2,126
ND	5,019
SD	7,906





OPERATIONS

FDA posts list of removed diagnostic test laboratories. The FDA Thursday added to its FAQs on testing for SARS-CoV-2 a [list of laboratories](#) that should no longer be used. FDA said these laboratories initially reported they had developed and validated COVID-19 tests; however, FDA determined significant problems with these tests and should not be used.

AHA updates COVID-19 maternal and neonatal health resource. AHA Friday issued a refresh of its COVID-19 [resource](#) on ways hospitals and health systems are caring for mothers and babies during the pandemic. The resource examines labor and delivery policies, telehealth options for pre- and postnatal care, breastfeeding, maternal mental health and racial disparities. It also features case examples from across the country.

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

CMS administrator on the impact and future of COVID-19 telehealth flexibilities. CMS Administrator Seema Verma published a [blog post](#) in Health Affairs outlining the impact telehealth has had during the COVID-19 pandemic. The post also provides a glimpse at how the agency is thinking about whether to make certain telehealth flexibilities permanent once the public health emergency concludes, according to a [summary analysis](#) by Wynne Health Group. The blog post comes following recent congressional pressure for CMS to be more transparent with its thinking on which telehealth flexibilities, if any, it may make permanent following the public health emergency.

CMS updates resource on Medicare billing. CMS Friday revised its [MLN Matters Special Edition Article](#) for providers and suppliers who bill Medicare Fee-For-Service (FFS). Updates include information on CDC nursing home patient/resident testing and clarifications regarding the Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Benefit Period Waiver. All other information remains the same.

Updated catalogue of health agency guidance. Healthcare consulting firm Wynne Health Group Friday released an updated [Catalogue of Health Agency Guidance and Government Response to COVID-19](#). The document encapsulates and organizes relevant guidance for healthcare providers, insurers, state governments, public health agencies, and other stakeholders, as well as captures the status of major actions by the White House and Congress.

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@mha.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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