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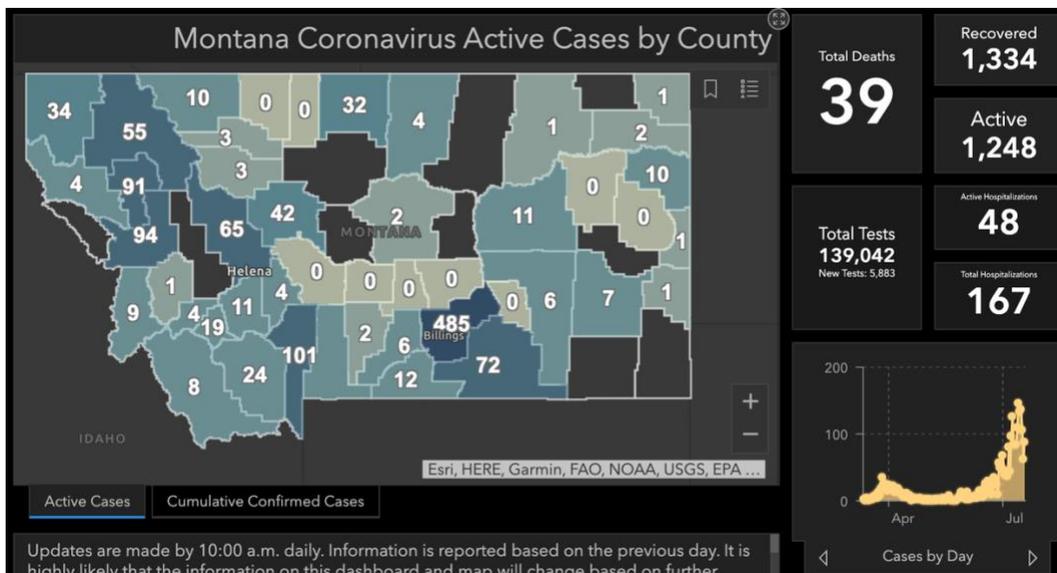


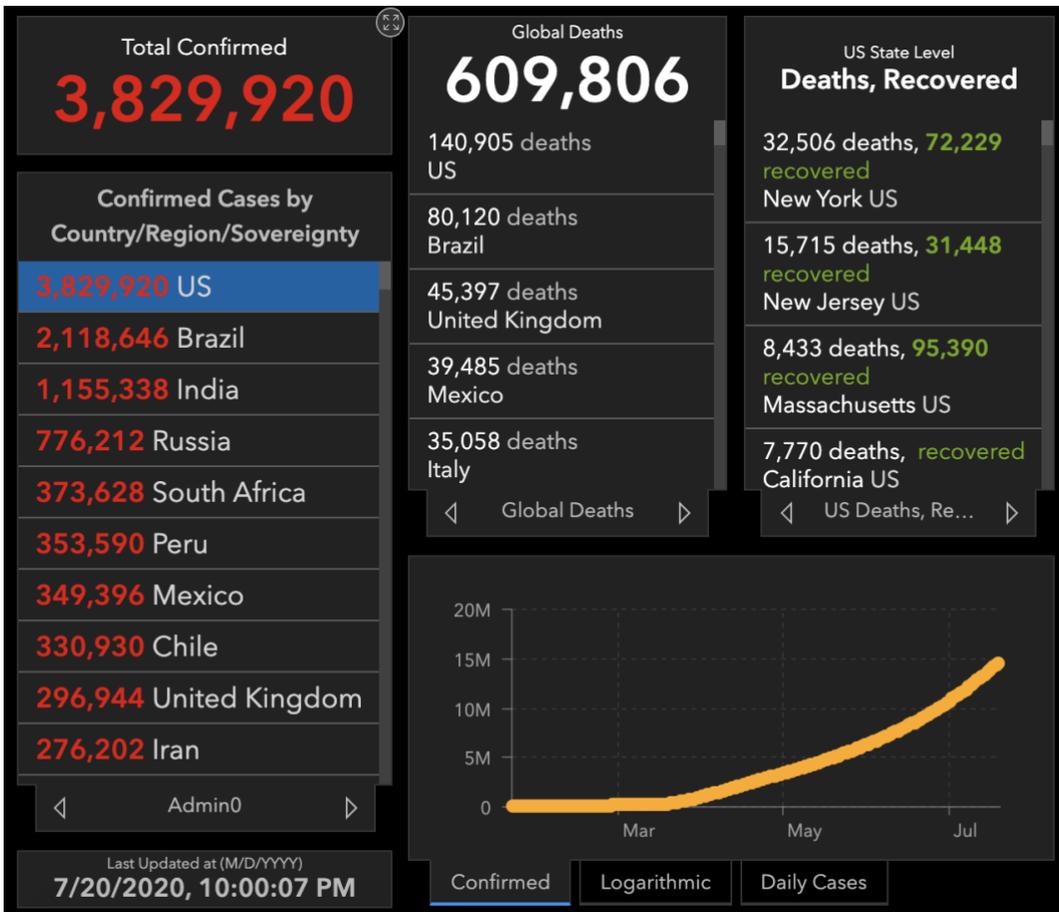
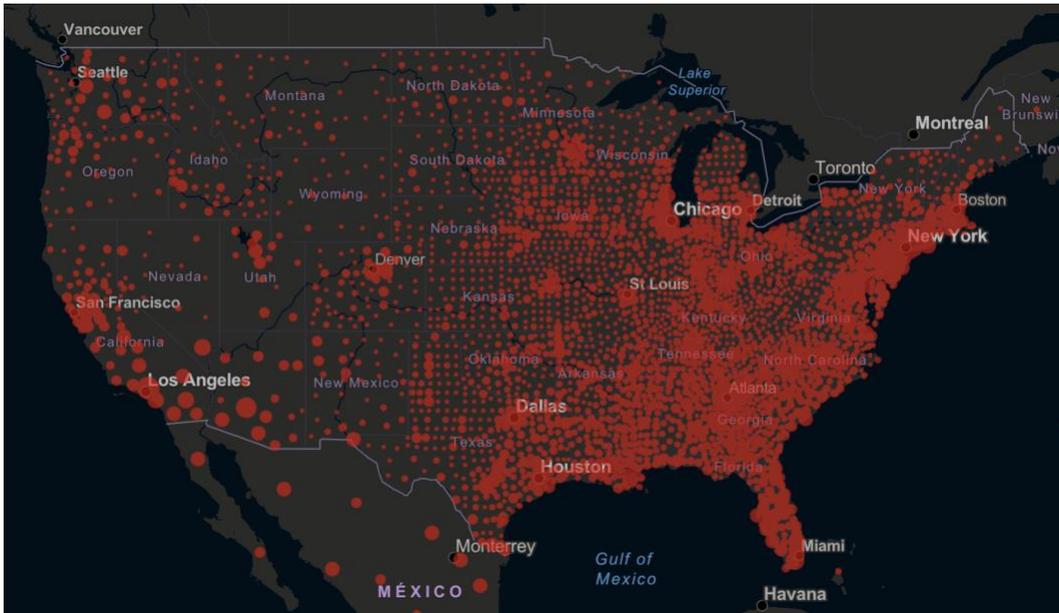
Montana Hospital Association - Situation Report

July 20, 2020

COVID-19

REPORTED CASES	
Montana <i>New in last 24hrs: 88 (+3%)</i> <i>Active Cases: 1,248 (Last 24hrs: -173)</i> <i>Recovered: 1,334 (Last 24hrs: +259)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Total: 167 (Last 24hrs: +2)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Active: 48 (Last 24hrs: +1)</i> <i>Deaths: 39 (Last 24hrs: +2)</i> Source: Montana COVID-19 Dashboard	2,621
United States <i>New in last 24hrs: 61,864 (+2%)</i> Source: Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard	3,829,920
WA	47,743
ID	15,268
WY	2,187
ND	5,126
SD	7,943





OPERATIONS

Pair of COVID-19 vaccine candidates move on to next trial phases. A COVID-19 trial vaccine developed by the University of Oxford and AstraZeneca produced neutralizing antibody responses in patients with SARS-CoV-2, according to a [study](#) published today in The Lancet. An immune response was detected in 32 of 35 participants after one dose and in all participants after a booster dose. The trial will now proceed to phases two and three. Oxford/AstraZeneca in May

[announced](#) it will provide the U.S. with 300 million initial doses and the U.K. 100 million initial doses this fall.

In a separate vaccine study by [CanSino Biologics](#), also released today, a phase two test in Wuhan, China, showed an immunity response in 508 participants. The study said healthy adults may only need one dose, while older adults may need two to induce a better immune response. Results showed minimal adverse reactions; the candidate will now move to phase three testing.

Dexamethasone study shows promising results for treating COVID-19 patients.

The New England Journal of Medicine last week released a [study](#) showing that the use of dexamethasone resulted in a lower, 28-day mortality rate among patients receiving invasive ventilation or oxygen. The study found lower incidence of death among 2,104 patients treated with dexamethasone, compared to 4,321 patients receiving usual care. However, results showed very little impact in patients not receiving respiratory support.

FDA updates COVID-19 treatment guidelines for corticosteroids, including dexamethasone. FDA on Friday issued new guidelines, saying corticosteroids can be used for up to 10 days in patients requiring supplemental oxygen, but not with those who are mechanically ventilated or do not require supplemental oxygen.

FDA greenlights new COVID-19 tests, anti-coagulant drug. The FDA last week [reissued](#) its emergency use authorization of Quest Diagnostics' SARS-CoV-2 rRT-PCR test for use with pooled samples containing up to four individual swab specimens collected under observation. The Quest test is the first COVID-19 diagnostic test to be authorized for use with pooled samples, which FDA said is an important public health tool because it allows for more people to be tested quickly using fewer testing resources.

FDA also authorized the emergency use of a pair of qualitative tests for detecting SARS-CoV-2 antibodies and nucleic acids. Boston Heart Diagnostics' molecular [Boston Heart COVID-19 RT-PCR Test](#) and Luminex Corporation for its serology [xMAP SARS-CoV-2 Multi-Antigen IgG Assay](#) are approved for use for the duration of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Finally, the agency approved an abbreviated new drug application for [anti-coagulant heparin sodium](#). FDA says the drug, which prevents blood clotting, will help meet increased demand for such products during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

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

No-cost contact tracing training and certificate program now available. Montana DPHHS has partnered with the University of Montana's Public Health Training Center to develop a free [online course](#) for case investigations and contact tracing.

Participants completing the course will receive a certificate. The goal of this course is to build the workforce capacity to conduct COVID-19 case investigation/contact tracing throughout Montana.

With the increasing number of COVID-19 cases throughout Montana, the need for contact tracing is overwhelming many local public health systems. Contact tracers are needed, and no medical background is necessary. Those interested should [contact their local public health office](#) to determine if assistance is needed and consider the DPHHS/UM certificate program.

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

The COVID-19 Recession: FAQs from Montana DLI. The Montana Department of Labor Industry Friday released a new report on the workforce impacts of COVID-19. The [Economy at a Glance](#) publication answers frequently asked questions regarding the COVID-19 recession and its effects on Montana.

Deadline to apply for Medicaid distribution of Provider Relief Fund extended to August 3. HHS Friday extended to August 3 the deadline for Medicaid providers to apply for funds from the approximately \$15 billion Medicaid Distribution of the Provider Relief Fund. Eligible providers include but are not limited to assisted living, Medicaid-only nursing facilities, home and community-based services, and adult day centers, as long as they or their parent organization under the same Tax Identification Number (TIN) did not receive a General Distribution from the Provider Relief Fund. Providers paid by Medicaid managed care and/or under Medicaid waivers are also eligible to apply for this distribution. For more information on applying, providers can check out the [HHS resources](#) on CARES Act Provider Relief Fund website including their [FAQs](#), which have two sections on the Medicaid Distribution and the corresponding Enhanced Provider Relief Fund Payment Portal (through which providers apply).

Cost report deadlines extended. CMS last week announced extensions to cost report deadlines for all provider types. See pages 94-95 of this [FAQ](#). Of note:

- CMS will delay the filing deadline of the FYE 12/31/2019 cost reports until August 31, 2020.
- For the FYE 01/31/2020 cost report, the extended due date is August 31, 2020.
- For the FYE 02/29/2020 cost report, the extended due date is September 30, 2020.

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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