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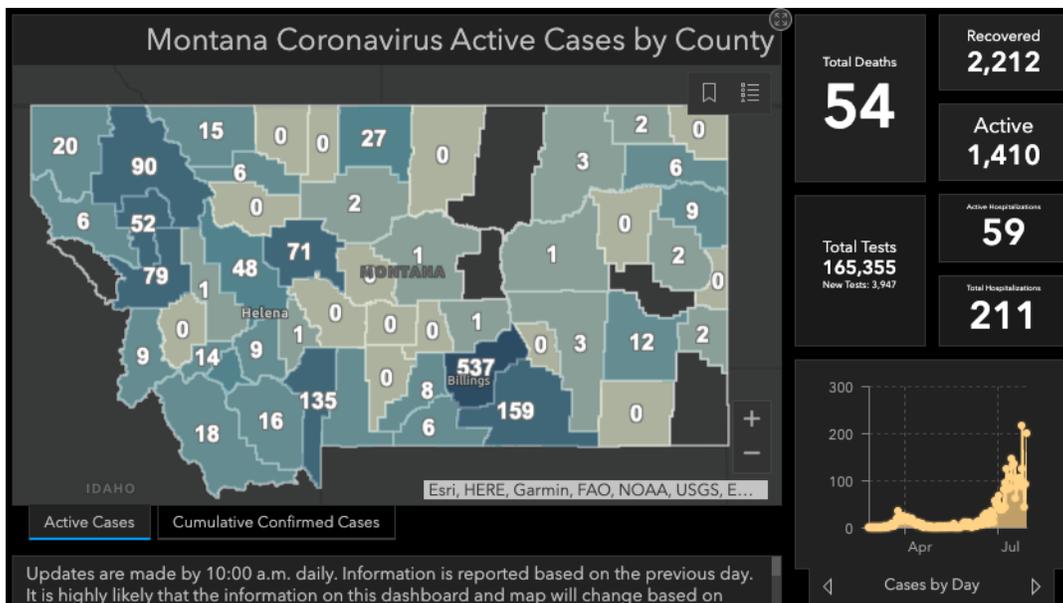
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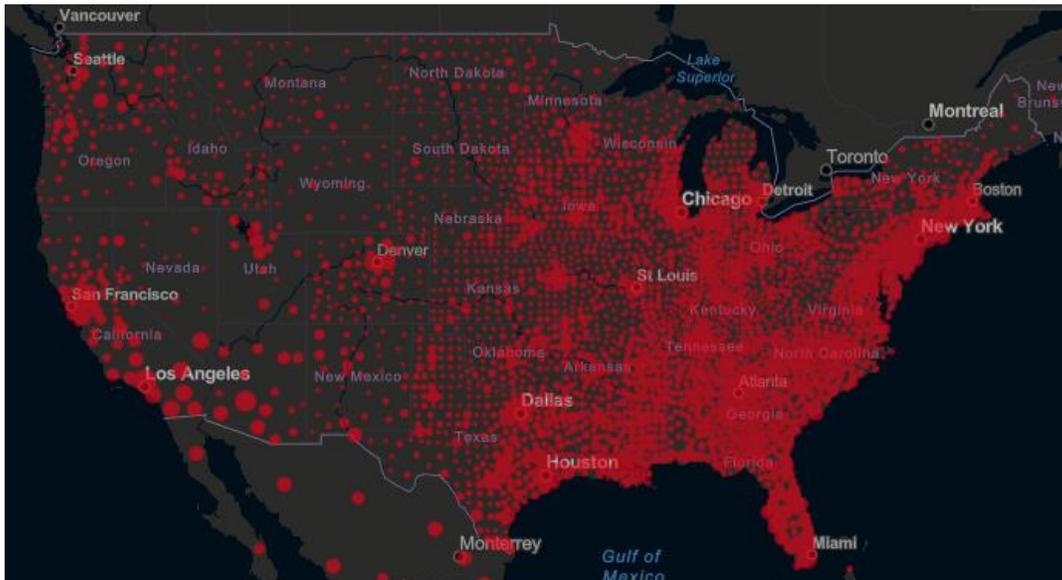
Montana Hospital Association - Situation Report

July 29, 2020

COVID-19

REPORTED CASES	
Montana <i>New in last 24hrs: 201 (+6%)</i> <i>Active Cases: 1,410 (+90)</i> <i>Recovered: 2,212 (+108)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Total: 211 (+6)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Active: 59 (-3)</i> <i>Deaths: 54 (Last 24hrs: +3)</i> Source: Montana COVID-19 Dashboard (Updated 10:00 a.m.)	3,676
United States <i>New in last 24hrs: 67,675 (+2%)</i> Source: Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard	4,375,217
WA	54,205
ID	19,220
WY	2,589
ND	6,227
SD	8,492





OPERATIONS

CMS updates Medicare data on minority COVID-19 hospitalizations. CMS yesterday [released](#) an updated [snapshot](#) of the impact of COVID-19 on the Medicare population, which includes COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations through June 20 and the first data for American Indian/Alaskan Native Medicare beneficiaries. According to CMS, American Indian/Alaskan Native beneficiaries have the second highest COVID-19 hospitalization rate among racial/ethnic

groups after Blacks. Among other findings, Medicare beneficiaries dually eligible for Medicaid had a hospitalization rate five times higher than those who were not.

HHS reserves more vaccine manufacturing capacity. HHS' Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority Monday [issued](#) a \$265 million task order reserving vaccine manufacturing capacity through December 2021 at an advanced manufacturing center in Texas. The Center for Innovation in Advanced Development and Manufacturing, a public-private partnership between BARDA and the Texas A&M University System, manufactures medical countermeasures to respond to public health emergencies. The order also will allow FUJIFILM Diosynth Biotechnologies to expand its manufacturing capacity at the center, the second in the nation to receive BARDA funding to reserve and expand COVID-19 vaccine manufacturing capacity as part of HHS' Operation Warp Speed.

Additional vaccine candidate enters late-stage trial. Pfizer and BioNTech [launched](#) a global Phase 2/3 study to evaluate the safety and efficacy of a COVID-19 vaccine candidate in up to 30,000 people.

Kodak to produce active ingredients in shortage for generic drugs. The U.S. International Development Finance Corporation yesterday [signed](#) a letter of interest to provide a \$765 million loan to Eastman Kodak Company to repurpose and expand its facilities in Rochester, N.Y., and St. Paul, Minn., to produce active pharmaceutical ingredients in short supply. Once the facilities are fully operational, the company expects to produce up to 25% of the active pharmaceutical ingredients used in non-biologic, non-antibacterial generic pharmaceuticals. The agency recently requested private-sector proposals for financing to support domestic production or distribution of pharmaceuticals, vaccines, personal protective equipment and medical testing supplies under the Defense Production Act, as authorized by a May executive order in response to the COVID-19 emergency.

FDA authorizes new antibody tests. The FDA Friday issued emergency use authorizations to [Xiamen Biotime Biotechnology Co.](#) and [Access Bio Inc.](#) for serology-based tests to detect SARS-CoV-2 antibodies indicating recent or prior infection. The tests are approved for use by laboratories certified under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments that meet requirements to perform moderate or high complexity tests.

PLANNING

HHS requests daily data reporting to TeleTracking. HHS recently [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. For issues with accessing the TeleTracking portal or questions about the data, contact TeleTracking Technical Support at 1-877-570-6903.

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

Medicaid directors urge CMS to suspend Medicaid Fiscal Accountability Rule.

The National Association of Medicaid Directors Monday [asked](#) CMS to suspend finalizing the Medicaid Fiscal Accountability Rule while states respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on state budgets. “Significant reductions to state general revenues are forcing difficult budgetary decisions across state governments, including within Medicaid,” the organization wrote. “In this environment, states need assurances that all existing financial tools will be available to weather what is expected to be a significant and years-long economic downturn. MFAR would remove these assurances and exacerbate these already substantial fiscal challenges.”

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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