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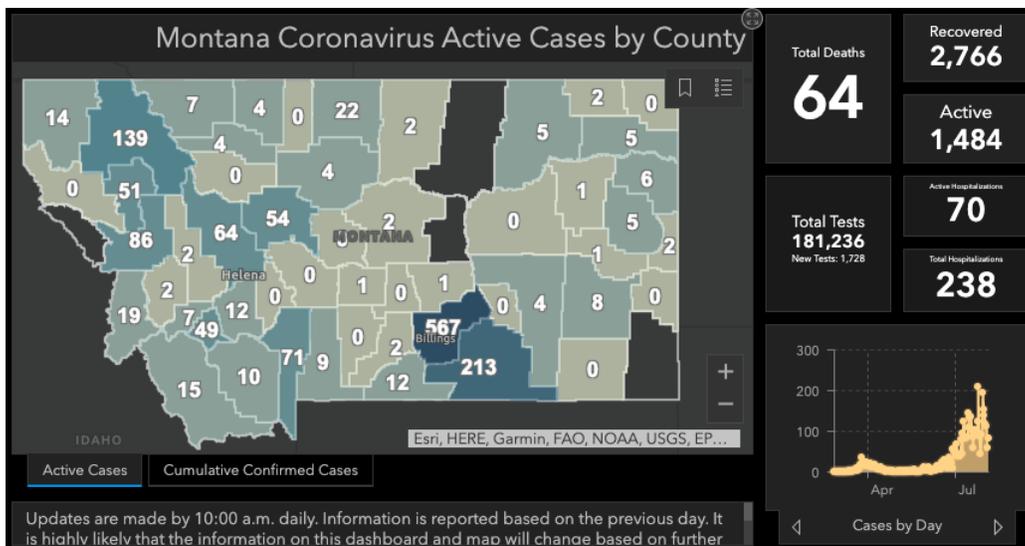
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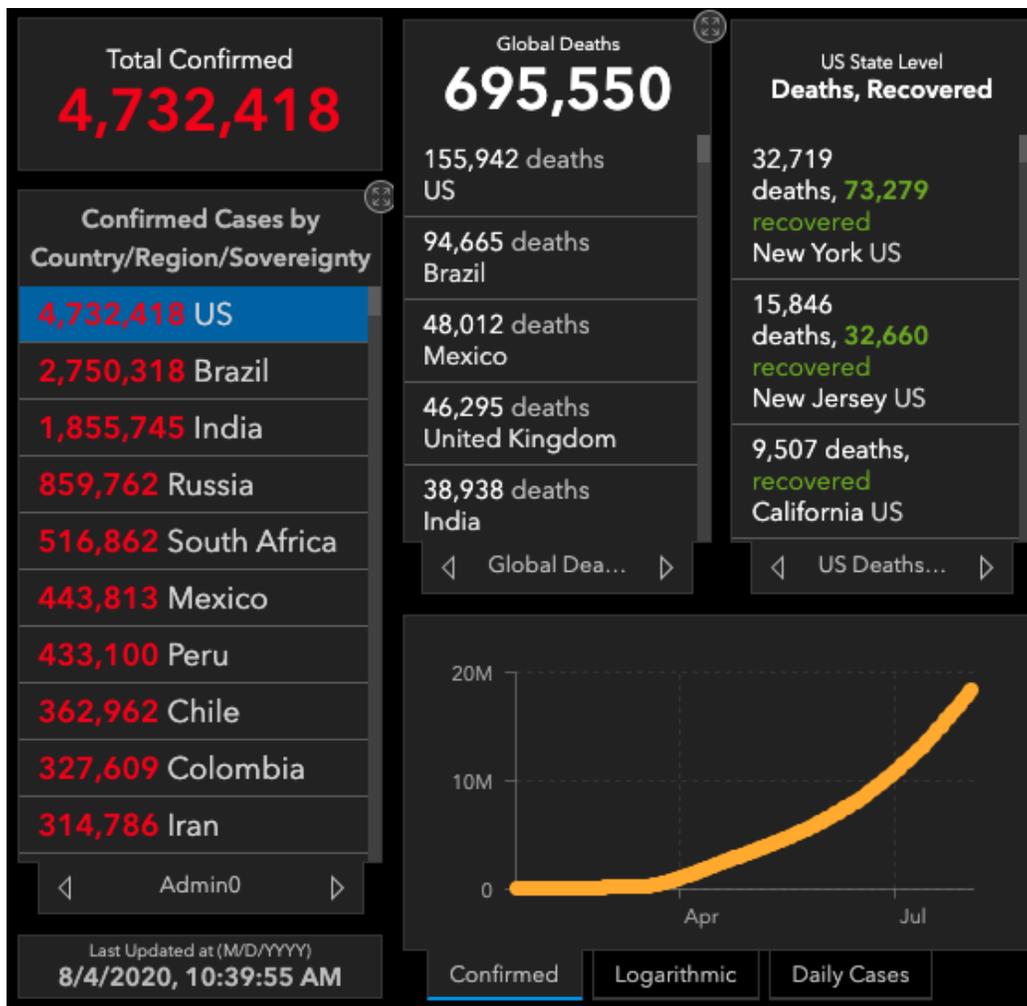
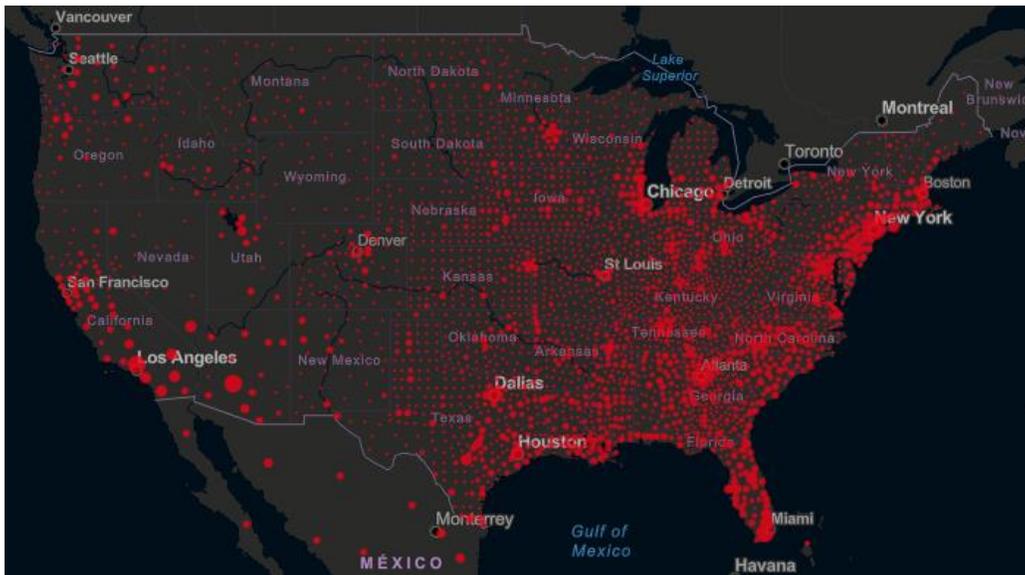
## Montana Hospital Association - Situation Report

August 4, 2020

# COVID-19

REPORTED CASES	
<b>Montana</b> <i>New in last 24hrs: 82 (+2%)</i> <i>Active Cases: 1,484 (-32)</i> <i>Recovered: 2,766 (+113)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Total: 238 (+2)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Active: 70 (+1)</i> <i>Deaths: 64 (Last242hrs: +0)</i> Source: <a href="#">Montana COVID-19 Dashboard</a> (Updated 10:00 a.m.)	<b>4,314</b>
<b>United States</b> <i>New in last 24hrs: 56,790 (+1%)</i> Source: <a href="#">Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard</a>	<b>4,732,418</b>
<b>WA</b>	<b>58,715</b>
<b>ID</b>	<b>21,676</b>
<b>WY</b>	<b>2,848</b>
<b>ND</b>	<b>6,933</b>
<b>SD</b>	<b>9,020</b>





## OPERATIONS

**NIH awards contracts to develop new testing technologies.** The National Institutes of Health's Rapid Acceleration of Diagnostics (RADx) initiative Friday awarded [\\$248.7 million in contracts](#) to produce four new laboratory tests and three new point-of-care tests to detect SARS-CoV-2. The recipients have received or applied for emergency use authorizations from the FDA for the tests, which use

new technologies such as next generation sequencing, CRISPR and integrated microfluidic chips that could increase testing capacity and speed results.

## 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

**HHS extends deadline to apply for certain Provider Relief Funds.** HHS Friday [extended](#) to Aug. 28 the deadline for eligible Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program and dental providers to apply for \$15 billion in Provider Relief Funds available through the Phase 2 general distribution to these providers.

Starting next week, HHS also will allow certain Medicare providers to apply through Aug. 28 for additional funding from the \$20 billion portion of the \$50 billion Phase 1 Medicare general distribution if they missed the initial opportunity

to apply. They will be considered for additional funding up to 2% of their annual patient revenues.

Medicare providers who experienced change in ownership challenges also may submit their revenue information, along with documentation proving a change in ownership, by Aug. 28 for consideration for Provider Relief Fund payment. Because HHS used 2019 payment data to determine automatic payments for \$30 billion of the Phase 1 Medicare general distribution, some previous owners received funds for providers or practices that experienced a 2020 change in ownership. They must return the payments if they cannot attest to providing COVID-19 diagnoses, testing or care on or after Jan. 31, 2020.

**Funding sources guide for rural providers.** The National Rural Health Resource Center recently released [COVID-19 Funding Sources Impacting Rural Providers Guide](#). This funding resource is intended to support rural healthcare providers, along with their state and local partners, navigate the availability of federal funds to support the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic response and recovery efforts.

**CMS home health demonstration resumes.** CMS yesterday resumed the five-state Review Choice Demonstration for Home Health Services, ending a pause initiated March 29 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The initial stage of the demo begins today for HH agencies in Florida, North Carolina and Ohio, with their actual claims review beginning on Aug 31. HH agencies in Illinois, which began the demonstration last April, and Ohio, which began last September, also will resume claims review on Aug. 31. HH stakeholders have asked CMS to pause the demonstration through the remainder of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

“CMS will work with affected providers to develop a schedule for postpayment reviews that does not significantly increase provider burden,” the agency [said](#). “Claims that received a provisional affirmative pre-claim review decision and were submitted with an affirmed Unique Tracking Number (UTN) will continue to be excluded from most future medical review.” CMS expects to post more information soon on the [demonstration website](#).

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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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