## August 10, 2020
# COVID-19

| REPORTED CASES | |
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| **Montana**<br>*New in last 72hrs: 260 (+2% per day average)*<br>*Active Cases: 1,529 (-36)*<br>*Recovered: 3,413 (+291)*<br>*Hospitalizations, Total: 273 (+9)*<br>*Hospitalizations, Active: 80 (-4)*<br>*Deaths: 75 (Last 72hrs: +5)*<br>**Source: Montana COVID-19 Dashboard (Updated 10:00 a.m.)** | **5,017** |
| **United States**<br>*New in last 72hrs: 162,596 (+1% per day average)*<br>**Source: Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard** | **5,058,464** |
| **WA** | **63,072** |
| **ID** | **24,675** |
| **WY** | **3,050** |
| **ND** | **7,596** |
| **SD** | **9,605** |

## OPERATIONS

**Executive order seeks to expand domestic supply of 'essential' drugs, medical equipment and protective gear.** President Trump Thursday night signed an [executive order](#) intended to increase domestic production of essential medicines, medical equipment and protective gear. As part of the order, the federal government will be required to develop a list of essential medicines and shift their procurement to U.S.-based companies. The goal is to decrease supply-chain

reliance on foreign sources, while establishing a stronger market for domestic companies to tap into.

**FDA issues EUAs for ventilator devices, surgical masks.** The FDA last week authorized the emergency use of three types of ventilator accessories for treating COVID-19 patients. The Lombardi Undersea [subsalve oxygen treatment hood](#) is a patient interface for helmet-based non-invasive positive pressure ventilation; a [valve](#) from VORTRAN Medical Technology 1 Inc. provides constant-flow pressure-cycled ventilator support; and a device from Nanotronics Imagining Inc. provides bi-level positive air pressure support.

FDA on Wednesday also issued an umbrella emergency use authorization to meet supply demands for certain [disposable, single-use surgical masks](#) that meet performance requirements for use in healthcare settings to provide a physical barrier to fluids and particulate materials to prevent exposure to respiratory droplets and large particles.

**CDC report examines COVID-19-associated syndrome in children**. The CDC Friday released a [report](#) describing the characteristics of multisystem inflammatory syndrome (MIS-C), a rare but serious condition that states have reported in more than 500 children with COVID-19. According to the report, most MIS-C cases have features of shock, with cardiac involvement, gastrointestinal symptoms and significantly elevated markers of inflammation. "As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, with the number of cases increasing in many jurisdictions, healthcare providers should continue to monitor patients to identify children with a hyperinflammatory syndrome with shock and cardiac involvement," the authors said. "Suspected MIS-C patients should be reported to local and state health departments."

## PLANNING

**Updates to NHSN's LTCF COVID-19 Module launch today.** Updates will be deployed today to the NHSN LTCF COVID-19 Module Resident Impact and Facility Capacity pathway. New testing questions will be added regarding facility access and capacity for COVID-19 viral testing of residents and facility personnel. The previous questions *Does your facility have access to COVID-19 testing while the resident is in the facility?* and *If YES, what laboratory type?* have been removed.

The updated data collection form, form instructions, and CSV will be posted today, August 10, on the [LTCF COVID-19 Module webpage](#). Send questions to the NHSN Helpdesk: [NHSN@cdc.gov](mailto:NHSN@cdc.gov) with "LTCF" in the Subject line.

**HHS revises COVID-19 hospital daily data reporting request, decreases frequency of reporting for supply-related fields.** HHS updated its [guidance and](#)

[frequently asked questions](#) (FAQs) regarding the agency's request for daily COVID-19-related hospital data reporting. Notable changes include:

Supply Data. HHS makes two significant changes to the process of reporting certain supply data.

- Hospitals may decrease the frequency of reporting supply-related data fields — i.e., items 26-32 in the guidance document's table — from daily to three times per week. Specifically, HHS is asking hospitals to report these data on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
- For the data fields asking hospitals for the days of on-hand supply (i.e., items 27 and 28 in the guidance document's table), hospitals now have the option of selecting a range of days, rather than calculating a specific number.

HHS Hospital Data Liaisons. As of the week of July 27, HHS has begun to deploy "Hospital Data Liaisons." These teams are working collaboratively with states to obtain information about barriers to reporting complete data, and over time, are expected to help states and hospitals obtain additional clarification and guidance around reporting requests.

FAQs. In addition to an FAQ on hospital data liaisons, HHS includes five other FAQs that address, among other topics, how to fix data errors, how organizations (like hospital associations) can get access to data, and what hospitals should do if they cannot report data on weekends.

**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

**CMS head clarifies PPP funds' impact on rural hospitals' Medicare payments.** CMS does not intend for Paycheck Protection Program funds to impact Medicare payments to rural hospitals, CMS Administrator Seema Verma [said](#) on Twitter Friday. "More guidance will be out soon that'll explain how hospitals should report those funds on their Medicare Cost Reports," she said.

## 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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