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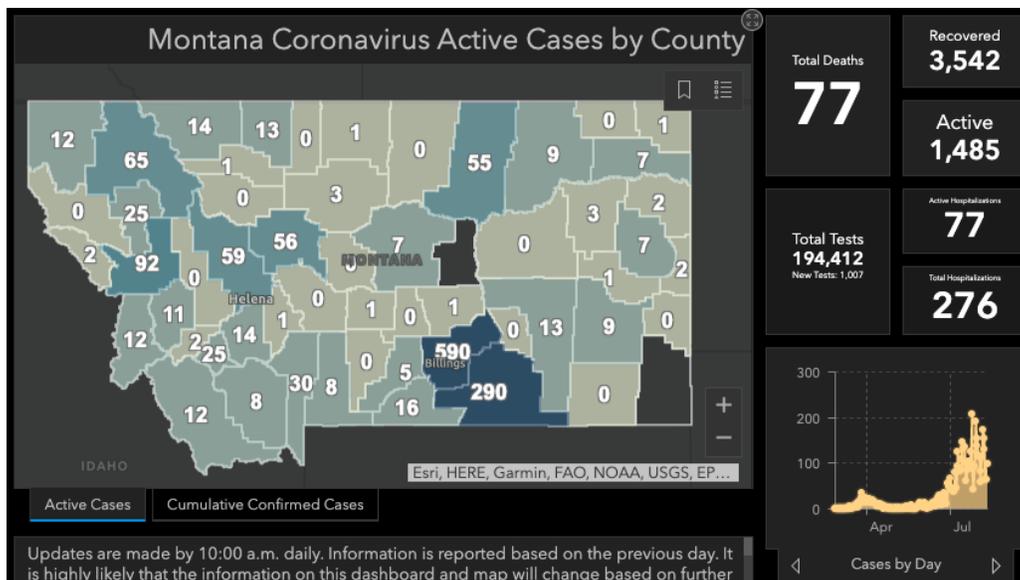
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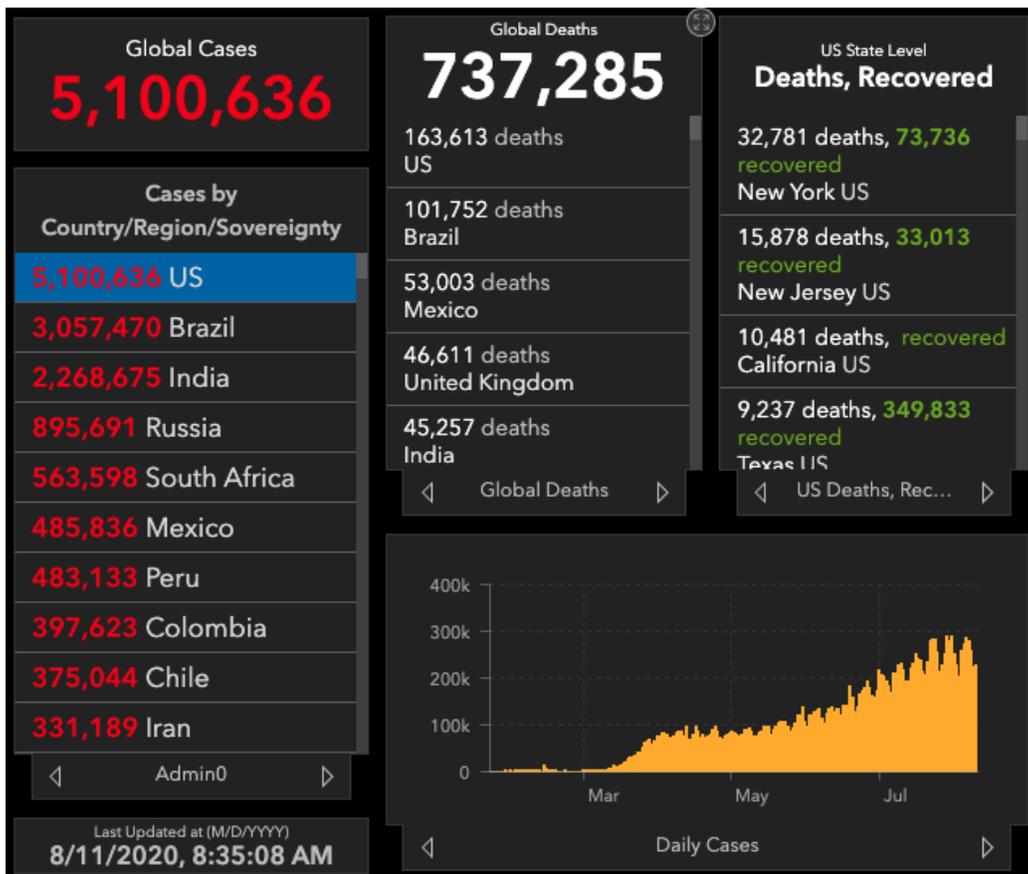
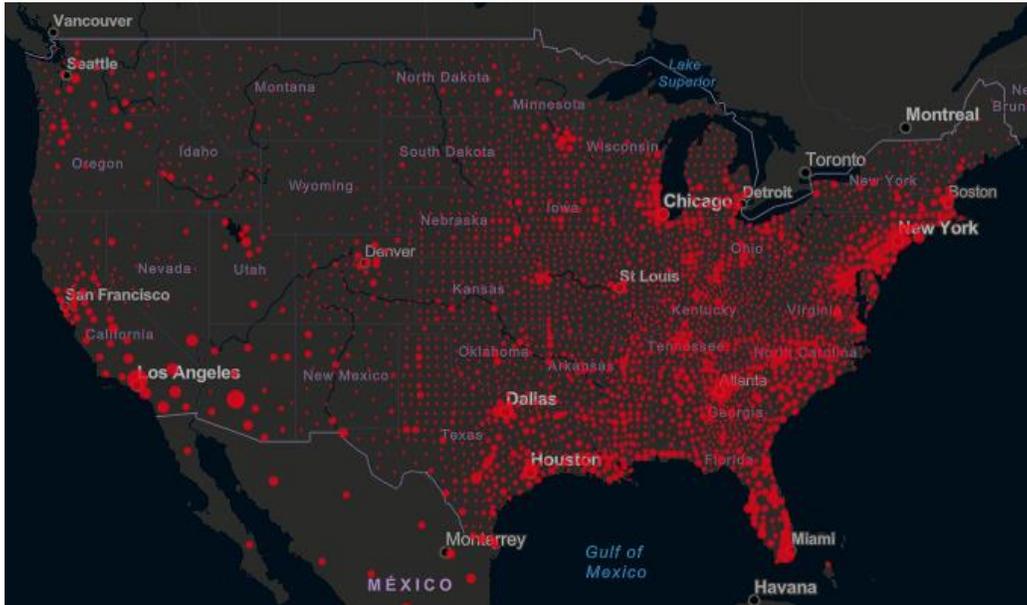
Montana Hospital Association - Situation Report

August 11, 2020

COVID-19

REPORTED CASES	
Montana <i>New in last 24hrs: 97 (+2%)</i> <i>Active Cases: 1,485 (-44)</i> <i>Recovered: 3,542 (+179)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Total: 276 (+3)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Active: 77 (-3)</i> <i>Deaths: 77 (Last 24hrs: +2)</i> Source: Montana COVID-19 Dashboard (Updated 10:00 a.m.)	5,104
United States <i>New in last 24hrs: 42,172 (+less than 1%)</i> Source: Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard	5,100,636
WA	63,647
ID	25,101
WY	3,042
ND	7,884
SD	9,663





OPERATIONS

FAQs on wildfire smoke and COVID-19. The CDC recently released a [FAQ](#) with key messages about wildfire smoke and COVID-19. It also provides resources that can be given to communities affected by wildfire smoke during community spread of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. Recent scientific publications suggest that air pollutant exposure worsens COVID-19 symptoms and outcomes.

HRSA to start allocating next CARES Act relief for nursing homes in mid-August.

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) expects in mid-August to distribute half of the \$5 billion in Provider Relief Funds announced last month to enhance COVID-19 response at Medicare-certified long-term care facilities, the agency [said](#) Friday. Facilities can use the funding to support increased testing, staffing and personal protective equipment needs. The agency said it expects to distribute the remaining \$2.5 billion throughout the fall based on a facility's performance, which will consider the prevalence of the virus in the local area and the facility's ability to minimize COVID-19 spread and related fatalities among its residents. Project ECHO, a consortium of about 250 health system "hubs" across the United States, has partnered with the Agency for Health Care Research and Quality to pilot a nursing home infection control learning network that will be available to any facility seeking support, the agency said.

FDA revokes authorization for antibody test. The FDA last week [revoked](#) its emergency use authorization for a SARS-CoV-2 antibody test made by Autobio Diagnostics Co. due to concerns with the accuracy of the test when evaluated at the National Institutes of Health's Frederick National Laboratory for Cancer Research. "Specifically, the Agency has concluded that it is unlikely that this test is effective in detecting SARS-COV-2 IgM antibodies and that the known and potential benefits of its use do not outweigh the known and potential risks," the agency said.

PLANNING

HHS guidance for COVID-19 hospital daily data reporting. HHS recently updated [guidance and frequently asked questions](#) (FAQs) regarding the agency's request for daily COVID-19-related hospital data reporting. 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.

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

FEMA authorized to use \$44 billion of disaster funds for unemployment benefits. President Trump Saturday [authorized](#) FEMA to use up to \$44 billion in Stafford Act disaster relief funds to supplement individuals' wages resulting from lost work due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. The president's directive said that states and territories that apply for funds may distribute through their unemployment insurance system \$400 per week, including a \$300 federal contribution, to individuals who currently receive at least \$100 per week of unemployment compensation benefits and can self-certify that they are unemployed or are unable or unavailable to work due to disruptions caused by COVID-19. The White House and FEMA continue to work on guidance for state distributions and the program will be applied retroactively to the week ending Aug. 1. It can continue no later than Dec. 6, or until the balance of the Disaster Relief Fund reaches \$25 billion or until Congress enacts a separate, replacement unemployment relief program.

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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