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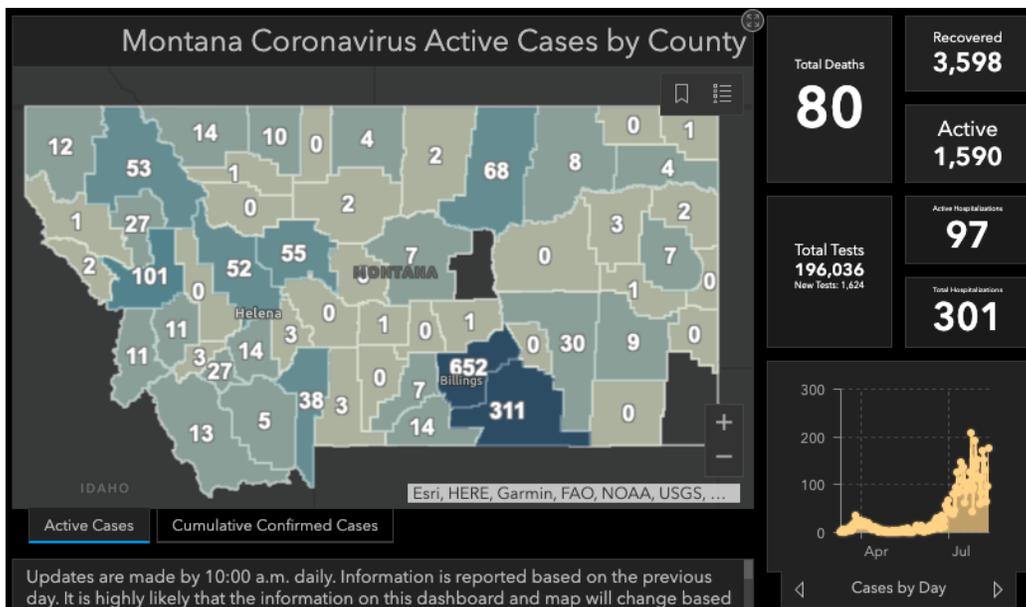
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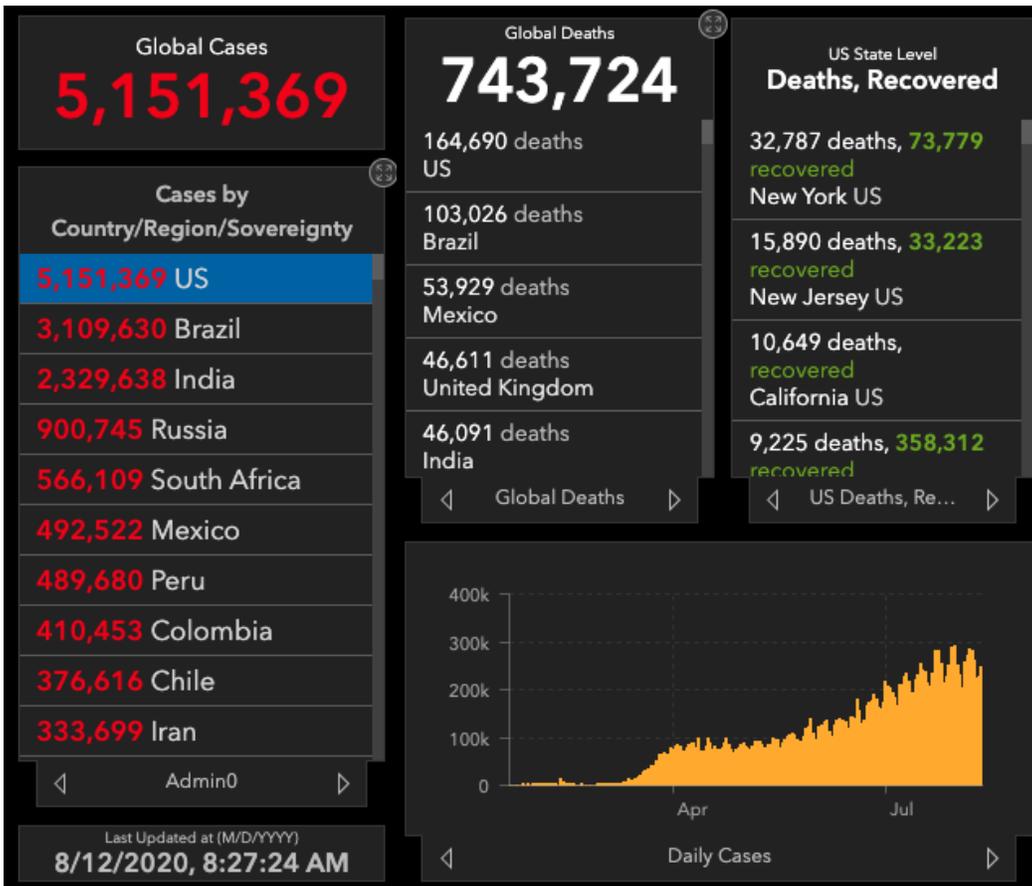
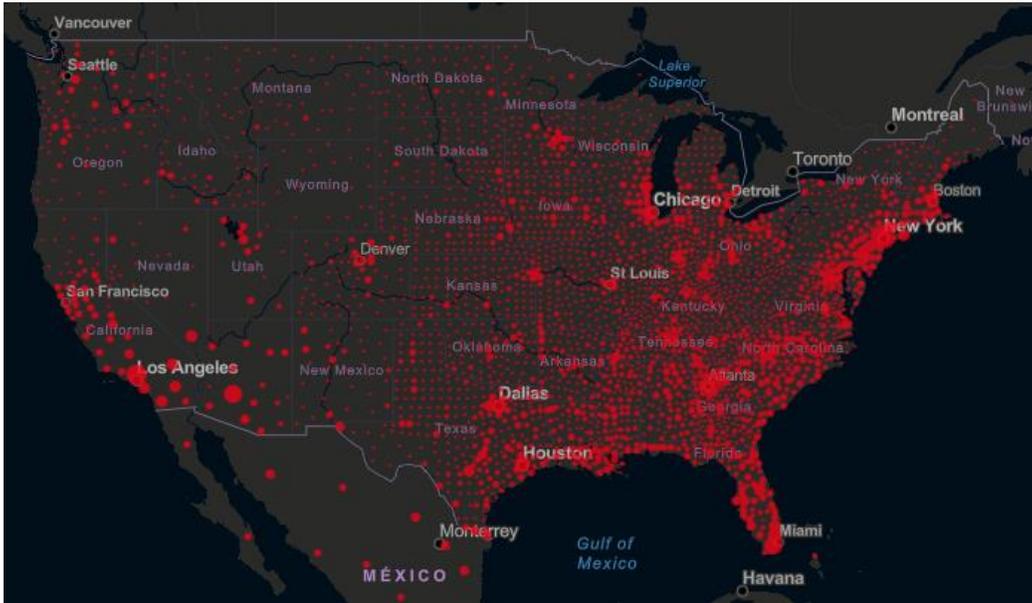
Montana Hospital Association - Situation Report

August 12, 2020

COVID-19

| REPORTED CASES | |
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| Montana <i>New in last 24hrs: 175 (+3%)</i> <i>Active Cases: 1,590 (+105)</i> <i>Recovered: 3,598 (+56)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Total: 301 (+25)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Active: 97 (+20)</i> <i>Deaths: 80 (Last 24hrs: +3)</i> Source: Montana COVID-19 Dashboard (Updated 10:00 a.m.) | 5,268 |
| United States <i>New in last 24hrs: 50,733 (+less than 1%)</i> Source: Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard | 5,151,369 |
| WA | 64,151 |
| ID | 25,598 |
| WY | 3,073 |
| ND | 7,970 |
| SD | 9,713 |





OPERATIONS

HHS releases COVID-19 testing plans from states, other jurisdictions. HHS Monday [announced](#) the release of [COVID-19 testing plans](#) for state, local and territorial jurisdictions through the rest of calendar year 2020. The CDC in May distributed [\\$10.25 billion](#) from the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act to state, territorial and local jurisdictions for COVID-19 testing, surveillance, contact tracing and related activities. The recipients were required to

submit a plan for using the funds, including their strategy and goals for diagnostic and serology tests for the rest of this year.

Reports examine COVID-19 rates, hospitalizations among children. More than 380,000 U.S. children have tested positive for COVID-19 since the onset of the pandemic, which represents 9.1% of cases in states reporting age, according to an [analysis](#) released Monday by the American Academy of Pediatrics and Children's Hospital Association. The finding is based on data provided Aug. 6 by 49 states, as well as New York City, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and Guam. Only 20 states and New York City provided COVID-19 hospitalization data by age, which indicated between 0.3% and 8.9% of all child COVID-19 cases resulted in hospitalization.

The CDC Friday released a [report](#) on pediatric COVID-19 hospitalization data from 14 states between March 1 and July 25. "Although the cumulative rate of pediatric COVID-19-associated hospitalization remains low (8.0 per 100,000 population) compared with that among adults (164.5), weekly rates increased during the surveillance period, and one in three hospitalized children were admitted to the [intensive care unit], similar to the proportion among adults," the authors said.

NIH-supported trials to test synthetic antibody treatments. Researchers have launched two clinical trials to test whether monoclonal (laboratory-made) antibodies can safely prevent SARS-CoV-2 infection or symptoms in healthy adults, the National Institutes of Health [announced](#) Monday. One trial will evaluate a Regeneron Pharmaceuticals investigational treatment in about 2,000 asymptomatic adults who are household contacts of people infected with SARS-CoV-2. The other will assess an Eli Lilly and Company investigational treatment in up to 2,400 people who reside or work in skilled nursing or assisted living facilities.

FDA authorizes SARS-CoV-2 molecular test, updates guidance for hand sanitizer makers. The FDA Friday authorized the emergency use of George Washington University Public Health Laboratory's [GWU SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR Test](#). The molecular test uses respiratory specimens to detect the virus in suspected COVID-19 cases.

FDA also recently updated its [hand sanitizer guidance](#) to make sure products do not contain unsafe levels of methanol by suggesting manufacturers test every lot of active ingredient for the substance. Additional guidance includes another denaturant formula to deter children from unintentional ingestion.

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

CMS extends Appropriate Use Criteria testing period until 2022. CMS yesterday announced the [extension of its Appropriate Use Criteria](#) testing period through 2021. This means the AUC program will not impact claims for diagnostic imaging services until Jan. 1, 2022, at the earliest. Industry groups have advocated for an extension, stressing how the COVID-19 public health emergency has resulted in reduced imaging services, adding financial strains and prohibiting providers from sufficiently engaging in the AUC program’s preparatory steps.

HHS FAQ provides more information on CARES Act provider relief fund eligibility. HHS continues to update its [CARES Act FAQ](#) to aid hospitals and health systems in understanding the nuances of the provider relief fund. Among the new answers, HHS discusses hospitals’ eligibility for future funding via targeted distributions, stating that “Future General Distributions will take into account previous allocations, including General Distributions and Targeted Distributions. HHS may consider providers that have only received a Provider Relief Fund General Distribution for priority under future General Distributions.” Other topics

include general distribution, including the payment portal and data sharing; distributions for rural, skilled nursing and safety net hospitals; general information, such as rejecting payments, auditing and reporting, and balance billing; and distribution for Medicaid and CHIP providers.

AMA releases additional CPT codes for SARS-CoV-2 testing. The American Medical Association yesterday released new Current Procedural Terminology codes for reporting SARS-CoV-2 laboratory testing on medical claims. They are code 86408 for SARS-CoV-2 neutralizing antibody screen; code 86409 for SARS-CoV-2 neutralizing antibody titer; and codes 0225U and 0226U for proprietary laboratory analyses to detect SARS-CoV-2. The codes are effective immediately. For details, see the [latest CPT coding guidance](#).

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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