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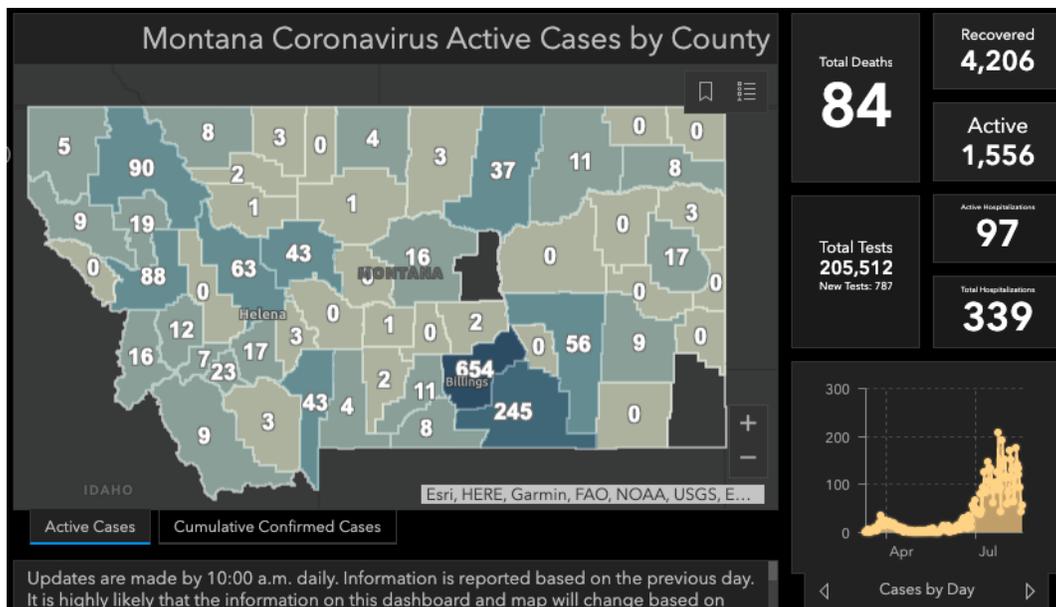
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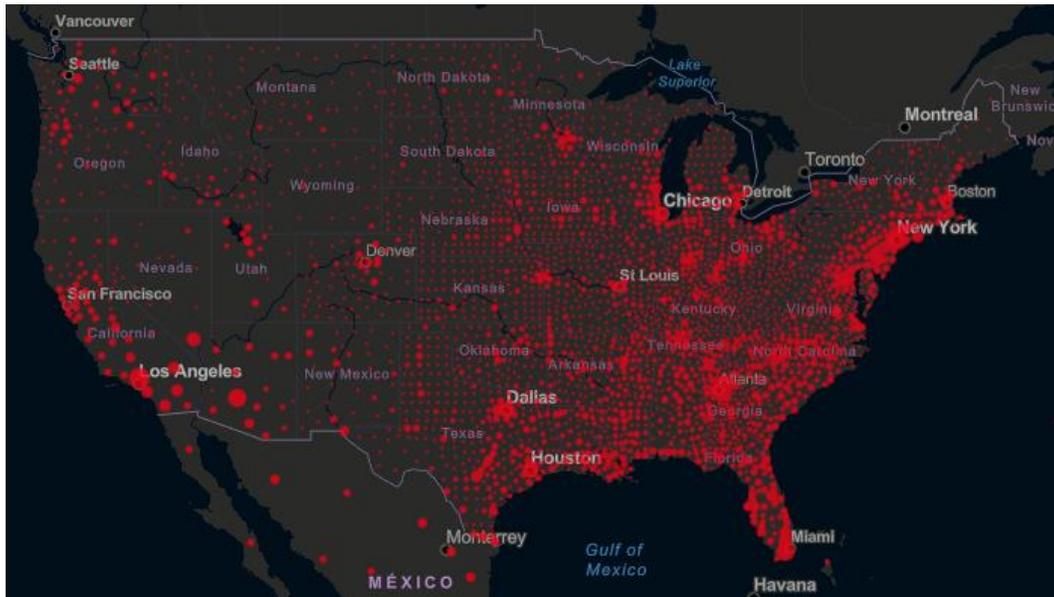
Montana Hospital Association - Situation Report

August 18, 2020

COVID-19

REPORTED CASES	
Montana <i>New in last 24hrs: 57 (+less than 1%)</i> <i>Active Cases: 1,556 (+8)</i> <i>Recovered: 4,206 (+44)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Total: 339 (+9)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Active: 97 (+3)</i> <i>Deaths: 84 (Last 24hrs: +2)</i> Source: Montana COVID-19 Dashboard (Updated 10:00 a.m.)	5,846
United States <i>New in last 24hrs: 37,965 (+less than 1%)</i> Source: Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard	5,446,233
WA	67,721
ID	27,937
WY	3,331
ND	8,647
SD	10,360





OPERATIONS

FDA authorizes ‘groundbreaking’ saliva test. The FDA Saturday issued an [emergency use authorization](#) to Yale School of Public Health for a new test to detect SARS-CoV-2 in saliva, which does not require saliva collection tubes containing preservatives or specialized equipment for nucleic acid extraction. “Providing this type of flexibility for processing saliva samples to test for COVID-19 infection is groundbreaking in terms of efficiency and avoiding shortages of crucial test components like reagents,” said FDA Commissioner Stephen Hahn, M.D.

CDC releases antigen testing guidance. The CDC recently released [guidance](#) for clinicians and laboratory professionals on rapid antigen testing for SARS-CoV-2. Topics include regulatory requirements; collecting and handling clinical specimens; and test performance, evaluation and reporting.

HHS awards McKesson contract to distribute COVID-19 vaccine. McKesson Corporation will serve as a central distributor of future COVID-19 vaccines and related supplies, the departments of Health and Human Services and Defense [announced](#) Friday. The CDC is executing an existing contract option with McKesson to support the vaccine distribution. The company also distributed the H1N1 vaccine during the H1N1 pandemic in 2009-2010.

CMS updates nursing home toolkit. CMS yesterday released an updated “Toolkit on State Actions to Mitigate COVID-19 Prevalence in Nursing Homes.” The [toolkit](#) details actions and best practices by organizations, state governments nationwide, and U.S. territories to assist nursing homes in meeting the needs of nursing home residents since the onset of the pandemic.

Revised: Roadmap for Maintaining Essential Surgery During COVID-19 Pandemic. The American Hospital Association, American College of Surgeons, American Society of Anesthesiologists and Association of periOperative Registered Nurses last week released [Joint Statement: Roadmap for Maintaining Essential Surgery During COVID-19 Pandemic](#), an update to a previous joint statement released in April. The joint statement provides a list of principles and considerations to guide physicians, nurses, and hospitals and health systems as they provide essential care to their patients and communities and seek to ensure ongoing preparation to meet patients' needs for recommended essential procedures.

PLANNING

Continue daily data reporting to HHS. HHS recently updated [guidance and frequently asked questions](#) (FAQs) regarding the agency's request for daily COVID-19-related hospital data reporting. These data will be used to inform decisions at the federal level, such as allocation of supplies, treatments and other resources. This daily reporting is the only mechanism used for the distribution calculations, and daily reports are needed daily to ensure accurate calculations.

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

FDA lists PPE, other devices in shortage. On Friday, FDA [listed](#) personal protective equipment, testing supplies and other medical devices in shortage or discontinued. The CARES Act requires manufacturers to notify FDA when a manufacturing discontinuance or interruption is likely to disrupt the U.S. supply of certain devices during a public health emergency. The agency plans to update the lists as the pandemic evolves.

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 delays release of Provider Relief Fund data collection instructions. HHS delayed yesterday's expected release of additional details regarding data elements for providers who accepted Provider Relief Fund program funds. HHS in July said the instructions and templates for those who received one or more payments for more than \$10,000 would be available Aug. 17. However, a notice from HHS said providers should still receive detailed instructions and a data template well before the reporting system's Oct. 1 availability. Providers should continue checking the [Provider Relief Fund website](#) for updates.

CMS to resume routine surveys. CMS yesterday announced it will resume routine inspections of all Medicare and Medicaid certified providers and suppliers. CMS had previously suspended certain routine inspections as part of its response to the COVID-19 pandemic. In the [guidance](#) released to state survey agencies yesterday, CMS directed the resumption of onsite revisit surveys, non-immediate jeopardy complaint surveys and annual recertification surveys as soon as resources are available. In addition, CMS is providing guidance on resolving enforcement cases that were previously on hold because of survey prioritization changes. The agency will also temporarily expand the desk review policy, when state surveyors ensure that facilities return back into compliance with Federal requirements without an onsite survey, to include all noncompliance reviews except for immediate jeopardy citations that have not been removed.

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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