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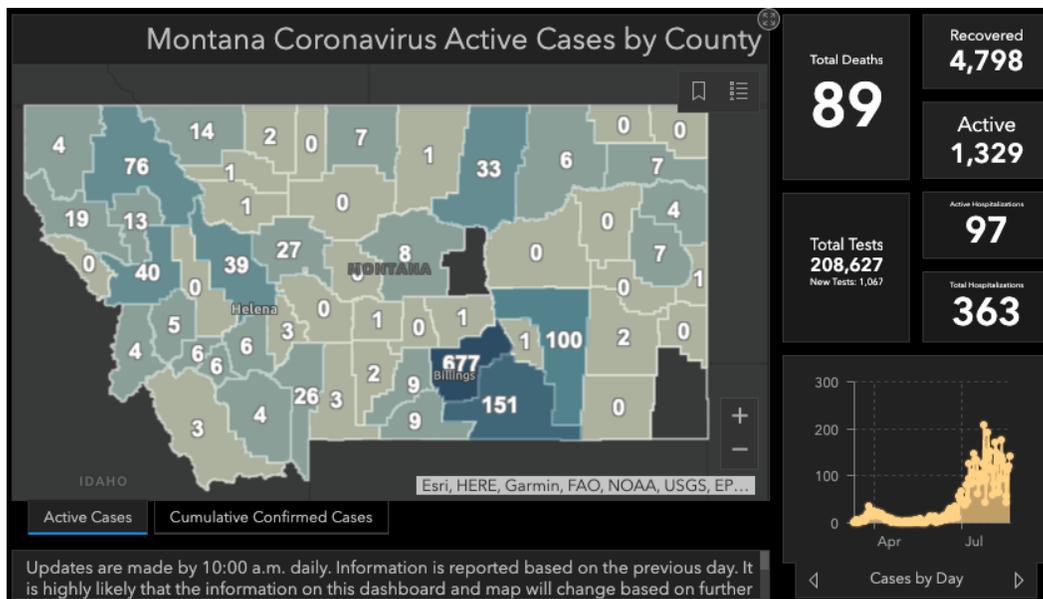
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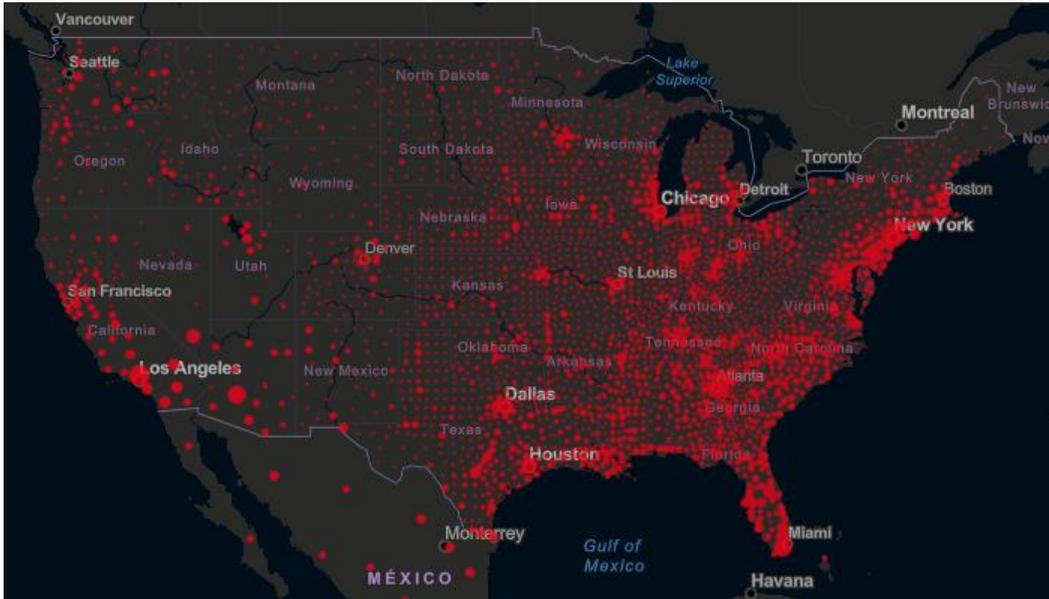
Montana Hospital Association - Situation Report

August 21, 2020

COVID-19

REPORTED CASES	
Montana <i>New in last 24hrs: 142 (+2%)</i> <i>Active Cases: 1,329 (-220)</i> <i>Recovered: 4,798 (+364)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Total: 363 (+6)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Active: 97 (-4)</i> <i>Deaths: 89 (Last 24hrs: +0)</i> Source: Montana COVID-19 Dashboard (Updated 10:00 a.m.)	6,216
United States <i>New in last 24hrs: 44,132 (+less than 1%)</i> Source: Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard	5,584,154
WA	69,389
ID	29,110
WY	3,457
ND	9,474
SD	10,691





OPERATIONS

FDA authorizes novel point-of-care antigen test. The FDA Wednesday [authorized](#) emergency use of a rapid point-of-care antigen test to detect SARS-CoV-2 directly from nasal swab specimens. Laboratories certified under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment to perform moderate, high or waived complexity tests and healthcare providers with a CLIA certificate of waiver, compliance or accreditation may use the test, made by LumiraDx UK Ltd. Assistant Secretary for Health Admiral Brett Giroir, M.D., [said](#) that the test “is a novel, flexible, highly

scalable and low cost rapid point-of-care test that will significantly contribute to our scaling up and expanding testing platforms for SARS-CoV-2.”

CDC releases 2020-2021 flu vaccination recommendations. The CDC’s Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices yesterday released its [recommendations for the 2020-2021 flu season](#), which continue to advise yearly flu vaccination for all people aged 6 months and older. It expects this season’s flu vaccines to include inactivated, recombinant and live attenuated vaccines, including two new vaccines expected to produce a better immune response in people aged 65 years and older. “Because the viruses that cause flu and COVID-19 might spread at the same time this fall and winter, getting a flu vaccine is particularly important as a way to reduce the amount of flu disease and symptoms that may be confused with COVID-19, and to reduce stress on the U.S. healthcare system,” CDC said.

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

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 updates COVID-19 policies on Medicare program integrity risks. CMS this week revised [MLN Matters Special Edition Article SE 20015](#), “New COVID-19 Policies for Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) Hospitals, Long-Term Care Hospitals (LTCHs), and Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (IRFs),” due to provisions of the CARES Act (Section 3710) requiring IPPS hospitals to address potential Medicare program integrity risks.

COMMUNICATIONS

New format for CMS-CDC Fundamentals of COVID-19 Prevention for Nursing Homes. Effective August 20, the training will be presented in a combination of pre-recorded educational sessions and live Q&A sessions.

- Pre-recorded Sessions: We will post another training every Thursday at 2 p.m. MT through September. Access them anytime on [QIOProgram.org training webpage](#).
- Bi-weekly Question and Answer Sessions: [Register](#) to ask CMS and CDC experts questions about training through January 2021.
- Certificates of Participation: Watch for details on how to get certificates for completing training and/or participating in Q&A sessions.
- Questions? Email NursingHomeTrainings@thebizzellgroup.com

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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