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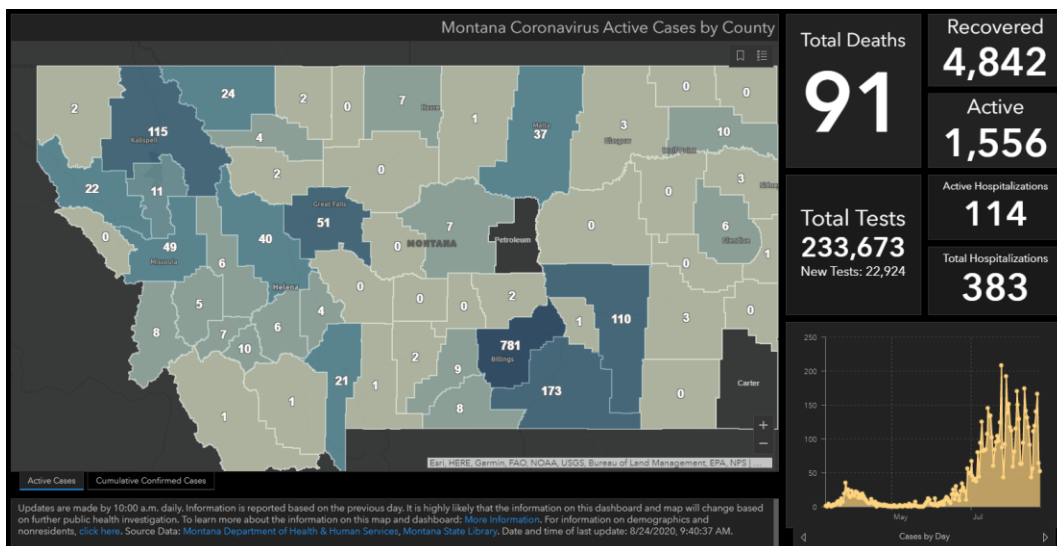


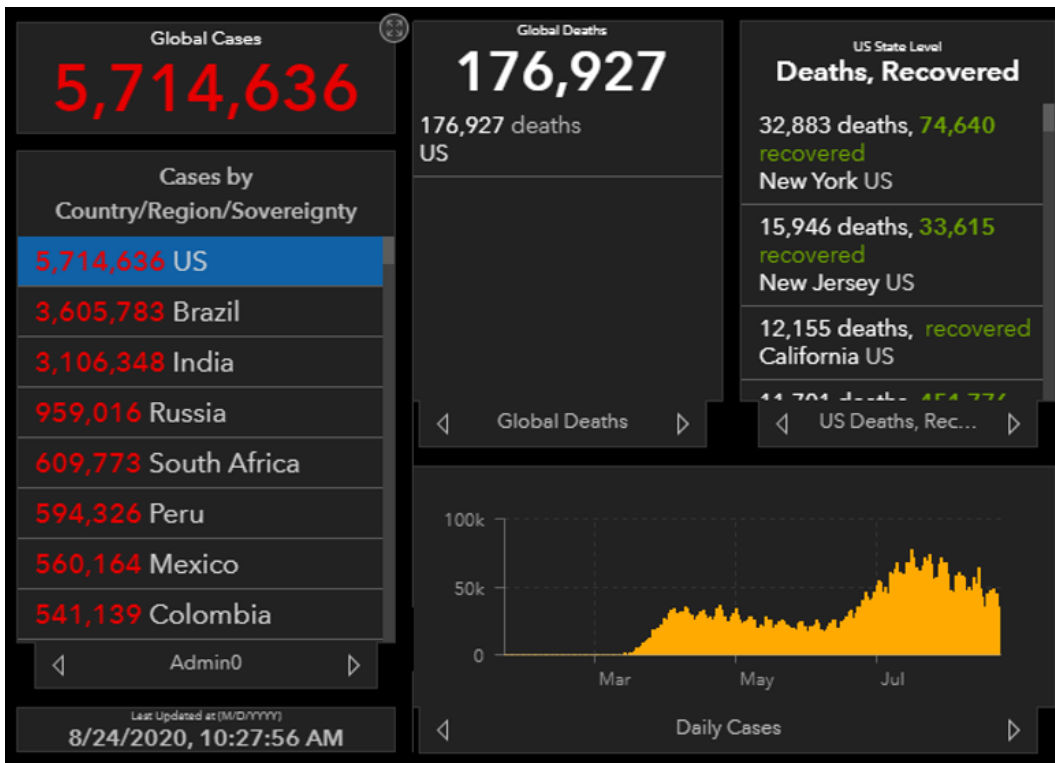
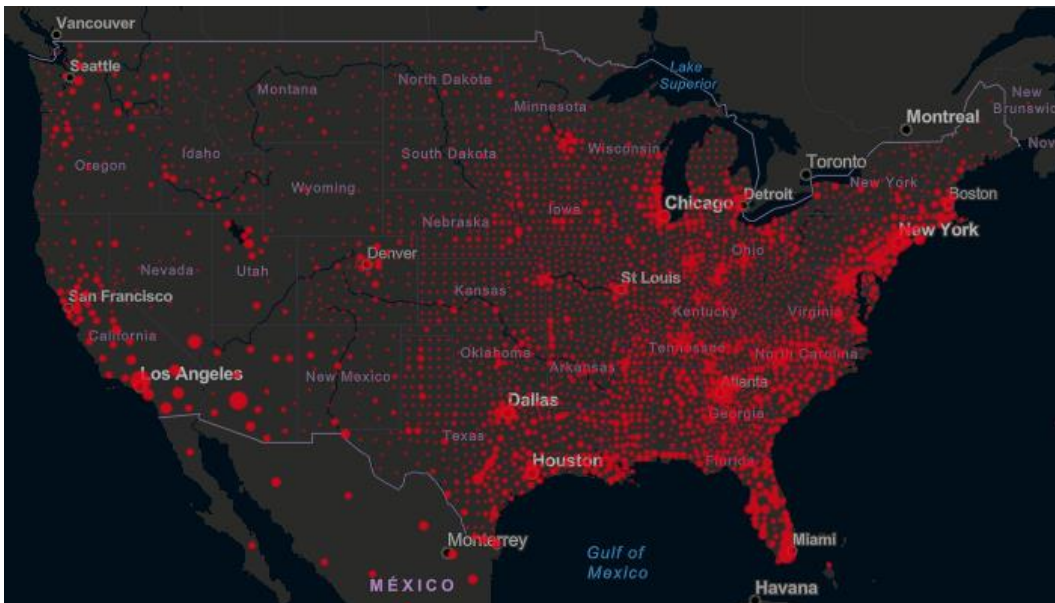
Montana Hospital Association - Situation Report

August 24, 2020

COVID-19

REPORTED CASES	
<p>Montana <i>New in last 72hrs: 273 (+1.5% per day average)</i> <i>Active Cases: 1,556 (+227)</i> <i>Recovered: 4,842 (+44)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Total: 383 (+20)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Active: 114 (+17)</i> <i>Deaths: 91 (Last 72hrs: +2)</i> Source: Montana COVID-19 Dashboard (Updated 10:00 a.m.)</p>	<p>6,489</p>
<p>United States <i>New in last 72hrs: 130,482 (+less than 1% per day average)</i> Source: Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard</p>	<p>5,714,636</p>
WA	71,012
ID	29,845
WY	3,578
ND	9,876
SD	11,276





OPERATIONS

Emergency Use Authorization Issued for Investigational Convalescent Plasma for the Treatment of COVID-19. The FDA [issued](#) an [EUA](#) for investigational convalescent plasma for the treatment of COVID-19 in hospitalized patients. This decision comes after the agency initiated an Expanded Access Program for convalescent plasma in April to facilitate access to the potential treatment and collect scientific data. In the [decision memorandum](#), the FDA concluded that it is reasonable to believe that COVID-19 convalescent may be effective in lessening the severity or shortening the length of COVID-19 illness in some hospitalized patients, based on available scientific evidence. The agency also noted that the known and potential benefits of the treatment outweigh the known and potential

risks of the treatment. The FDA has provided a [factsheet](#) for healthcare providers which includes dosing instructions and potential side effects as well as a [factsheet](#) for patients.

Defense Production Act invoked for COVID-19 testing supplies. HHS [announced](#) that the Defense Production Act is being leveraged for contracts with Becton Dickinson and Quidel Corporation for large volume purchase of diagnostic systems and assays for COVID-19 testing. HHS details that these contracts will expedite shipments of the testing systems and assay to every nursing home certified by CMS with a Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) certificate of waiver.

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 extends deadline to apply for area wage index reclassification. Due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, the CMS extended the Sept. 1 deadline for hospitals to apply for reclassification of their Medicare area wage index for fiscal year 2022 until 15 days after the agency releases its inpatient prospective

payment system final rule for FY 2021. The agency recently released [wage data](#) to help hospitals assess whether to seek reclassification of their Medicare area wage index for fiscal year 2022.

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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