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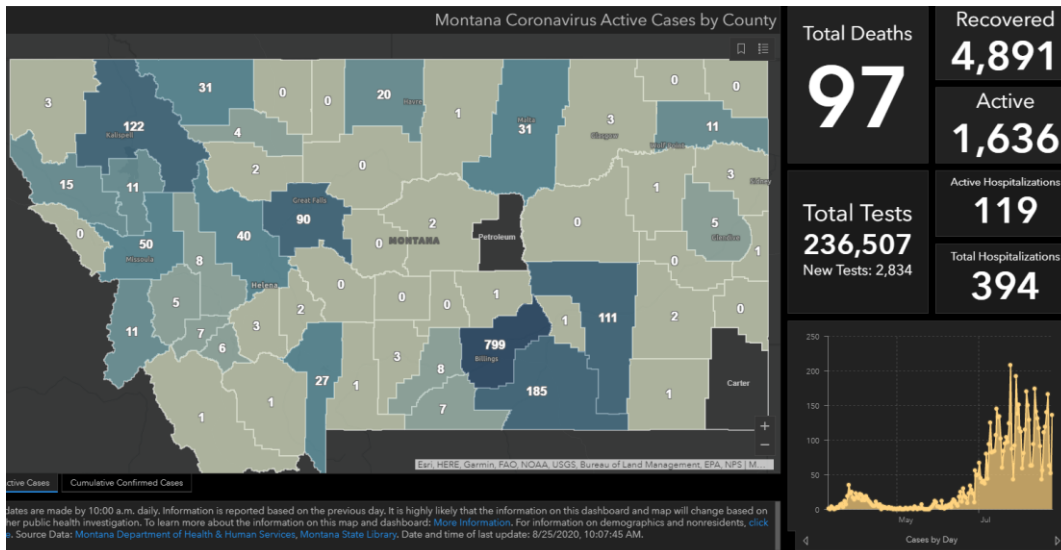


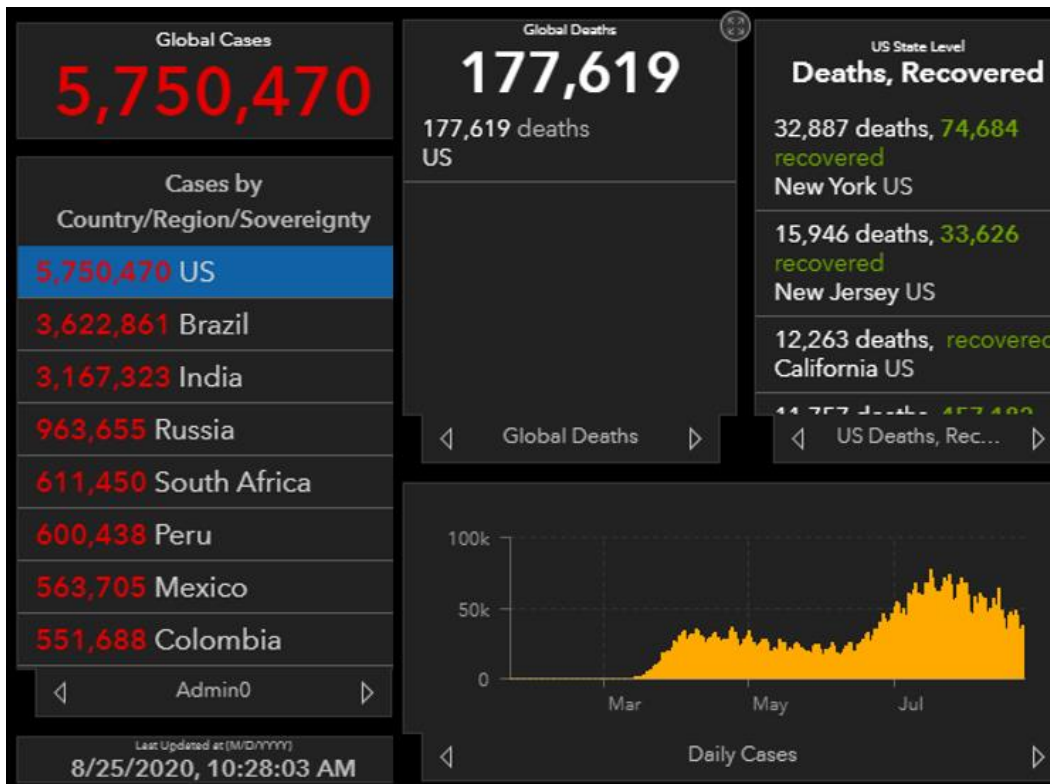
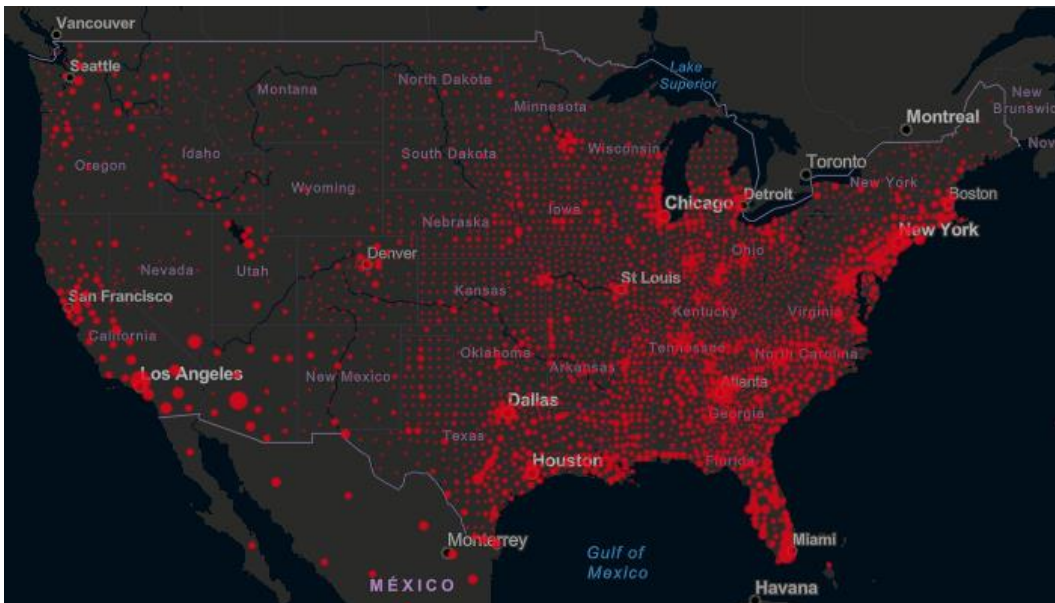
Montana Hospital Association - Situation Report

August 25, 2020

COVID-19

REPORTED CASES	
Montana <i>New in last 24hrs: 136 (+2%)</i> <i>Active Cases: 1,636 (+80)</i> <i>Recovered: 4,891 (+49)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Total: 394 (+11)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Active: 119 (+5)</i> <i>Deaths: 97 (Last 24hrs: +6)</i> Source: Montana COVID-19 Dashboard (Updated 10:00 a.m.)	6,624
United States <i>New in last 24hrs: 35,834 (+less than 1%)</i> Source: Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard	5,750,470
WA	71,371
ID	30,057
WY	3,602
ND	10,229
SD	11,425





OPERATIONS

CMS has [announced](#) the launch of a national nursing home training program to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The program, known as the CMS Targeted COVID-19 Training for Frontline Nursing Home Staff & Management, is immediately available to all nursing home staff. The training program was designed specifically for COVID-19 and features the most recent lessons learned and best practices from nursing homes combatting the pandemic. The first five modules below are targeted for frontline nursing home staff, while the remaining five modules are intended for nursing home management. The training is available on the [CMS Quality, Safety, & Education Portal](#).

AHA released an updated resource examining the impact of the social determinants of health on patients and communities as they battle the COVID-19 public health emergency. The [resource](#) shares ideas and case examples that can help hospitals address, screen for and document ongoing social needs, such as housing and food concerns, while also looking at unconscious bias.

Amended guidance clarifies that healthcare providers and plans may use PHI to contact recovered COVID-19 patients for convalescent plasma donation.

The HHS Office for Civil Rights (HHS OCR) [issued](#) amended [guidance](#) on how the HIPPA Privacy Rule allows healthcare providers and health plans to contact recovered COVID-19 patients about how to donate convalescent plasma for treatment purposes. OCR details in the updated guidance that covered healthcare providers, including hospitals, pharmacies, and laboratories, and health plans may use protected health information (PHI) to identify and contact individuals who have recovered from COVID-19 to provide them with information about donating plasma that could be used as treatment for other individuals.

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.

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](#)

