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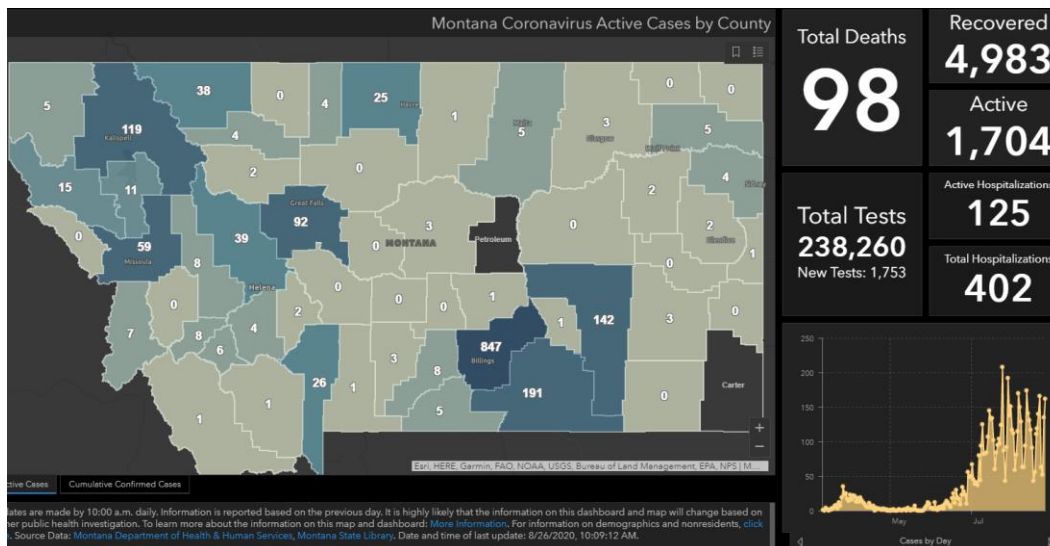


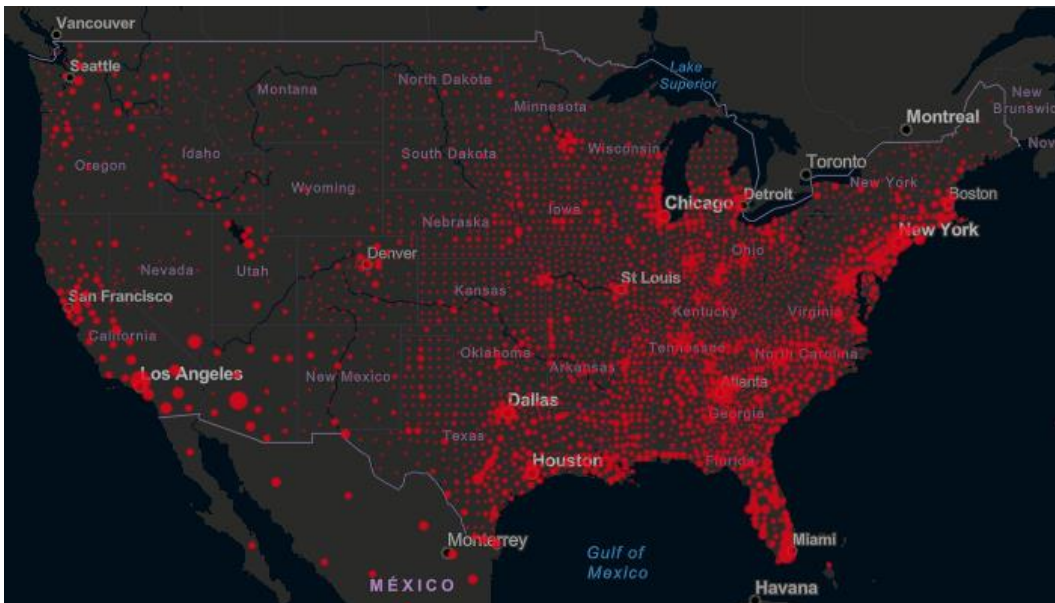
## Montana Hospital Association - Situation Report

August 26, 2020

# COVID-19

REPORTED CASES	
<b>Montana</b> <i>New in last 24hrs: 162 (+more than 2%)</i> <i>Active Cases: 1,704 (+68)</i> <i>Recovered: 4,983 (+92)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Total: 402 (+8)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Active: 125 (+6)</i> <i>Deaths: 98 (Last 24hrs: +1)</i> Source: <a href="#">Montana COVID-19 Dashboard</a> (Updated 10:00 a.m.)	<b>6,785</b>
<b>United States</b> <i>New in last 24hrs: 37,715 (+less than 1%)</i> Source: <a href="#">Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard</a>	<b>5,788,185</b>
<b>WA</b>	<b>71,705</b>
<b>ID</b>	<b>30,465</b>
<b>WY</b>	<b>3,632</b>
<b>ND</b>	<b>10,467</b>
<b>SD</b>	<b>11,505</b>





## 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

**HHS announces release of 1.5 million N95 respirators from the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) for distribution to 3,336 nursing home facilities.** On August 28, the Defense Logistics Agency will begin [distribution](#) to nursing homes that report having enough supplies for zero to three days of operations. The N95 respirators are NIOSH certified and were produced in the US through the Defense Production Act. HHS notes that the quantity of respirators to each facility will be based on the number of medical staff employed at the facility and the shipments only support Medicare and Medicaid-approved nursing homes.

**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 issues interim final rule to make collection and reporting of COVID-19 data a condition of participation for hospitals to participate in Medicare.** The [rule](#), effective upon publication in the Federal Register, will require hospitals to report daily data elements such as the number of confirmed or suspected COVID-19 positive patients, intensive care unit beds occupied, and availability of supplies and equipment, such as ventilators and PPE. The American Hospital Association has released a [statement](#) and an [infographic](#) of policy changes that have led up to COVID-19 data collection becoming a condition of participation for Medicare.

**CMS issues interim final rule that directs surveyors to inspect nursing homes for adherence to new COVID-19 testing requirements.** Penalties include sanctions and civil monetary penalties. The [rule](#) also implements new laboratory reporting requirements in accordance with the CARES Act. Failure to comply with these requirements could result in civil monetary penalties of \$1,000 a day for the first day and \$500 a day for each subsequent day.

**HHS extends deadline to apply for emergency funds to Sept. 13.** HHS has [extended](#) the deadline for applying for its Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund “Phase 2 General Distribution” to Sept. 13 from the previous

deadline of Aug. 28. Earlier this month, HHS clarified that those who bill Medicare, Medicaid, Medicaid Managed Care or CHIP, or are dental providers, are eligible to apply as long as they have not already received 2% of their patient revenue from the fund.

**The Small Business Administration (SBA) issues rule on PPP appeals process.** The SBA has released an [interim final rule](#), effective immediately, on the process for PPP borrowers to appeal certain SBA loan review decisions to the SBA Office of Hearings and Appeals. The rule will be published in the Aug. 27 Federal Register with comments accepted for 30 days.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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@mha.org](mailto:esf8@mha.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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