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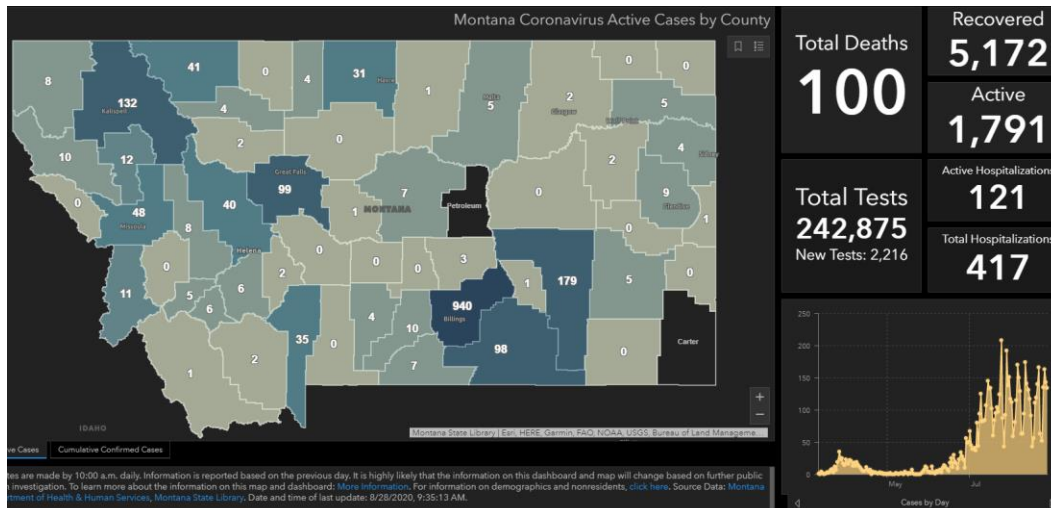


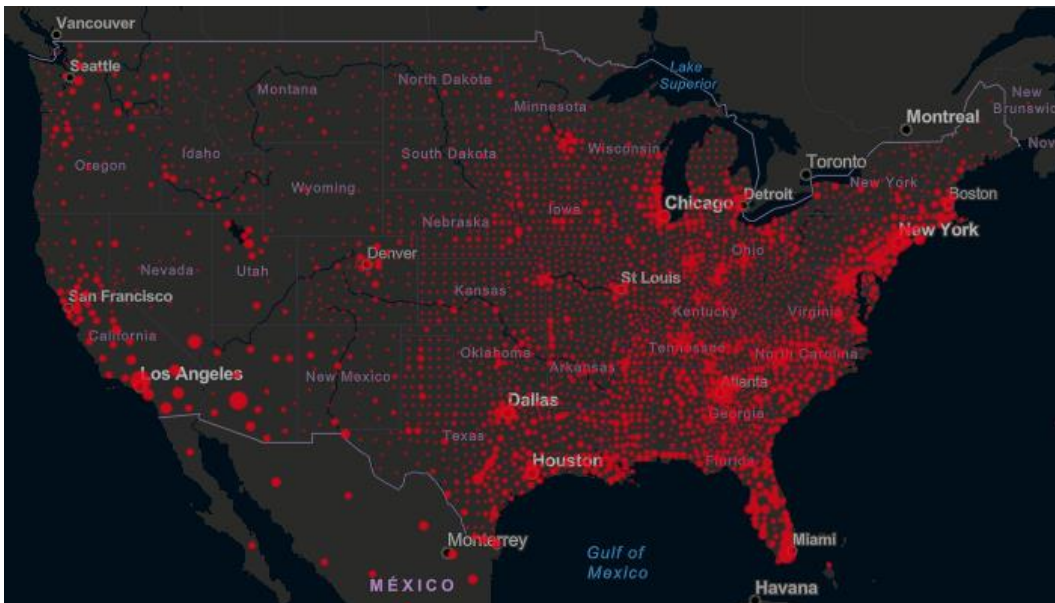
Montana Hospital Association - Situation Report

August 28, 2020

## COVID-19

REPORTED CASES	
<b>Montana</b> <i>New in last 24hrs: 134 (+less than 2%)</i> <i>Active Cases: 1,791 (-16)</i> <i>Recovered: 5,172 (+148)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Total: 417 (+5)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Active: 121 (+2)</i> <i>Deaths: 100 (Last 24hrs: +2)</i> Source: <a href="#">Montana COVID-19 Dashboard</a> (Updated 10:00 a.m.)	<b>7,063</b>
<b>United States</b> <i>New in last 24hrs: 52,528 (+less than 1%)</i> Source: <a href="#">Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard</a>	<b>5,878,338</b>
<b>WA</b>	<b>72,703</b>
<b>ID</b>	<b>31,113</b>
<b>WY</b>	<b>3,733</b>
<b>ND</b>	<b>11,110</b>
<b>SD</b>	<b>12,194</b>





## OPERATIONS

**CDC updates testing guidance.** People who have been within 6 feet of someone with COVID-19 for at least 15 minutes but do not have symptoms do not need to get a COVID-19 diagnostic test unless they are “a vulnerable individual” or their healthcare provider or public health officials recommend it, the CDC said in [updated guidance](#).

**CMS releases survey guidance for new testing requirements.** CMS released guidance to survey agencies for its new COVID-19 testing requirements for [nursing homes](#) and [clinical laboratories](#) which were included in an interim final

rule this week setting forth new requirements for facilities including hospitals, nursing homes and laboratories.

**FDA approves new rapid antigen test.** The FDA has [authorized](#) the first COVID-19 antigen test that allows healthcare providers to read the results in minutes directly from the testing card. The company plans to have up to 50 million tests available monthly in the US beginning in early October.

**Administration to purchase 150 million rapid point-of-care COVID-19 diagnostic tests.** HHS and the Department of Defense (DOD) [announced](#) a \$760 million contract with Abbott for 150 million Abbott BinaxNOW COVID-19 Ag Card point-of-care diagnostic tests. HHS details that the tests may be deployed to schools and to assist with serving other special needs populations.

**Centers for Research in Emerging Infectious Diseases Established.** The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) [announced](#) the establishment of the Centers for Research in Emerging Infectious Diseases (CREID). The NIAID details that the global network that reaches across 29 countries will involve multidisciplinary investigations into how and where viruses and other pathogens emerge from wildlife and spillover to cause disease in people.

## 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

**HRSA distributes \$2.5B in nursing home relief funds.** HRSA has [announced distribution](#) of the first half of a planned \$5 billion in CARES Act's Provider Relief Fund allocation to nursing homes. The [previously announced](#) funding will support increased testing, staffing and PPE needs.

**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**

**Interim final rule establishes new enforcement mechanisms and requirements for COVID-19 surveillance and testing.** The new [rule](#), released as an interim final rule with comment period (IFC), modifies certain requirements and rules within the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS), as well as for Part C and Part D quality rating system. The provisions in this rule are effective immediately upon its publication in the Federal Register, though CMS is collecting public comments through approximately October 26, 2020.

## **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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